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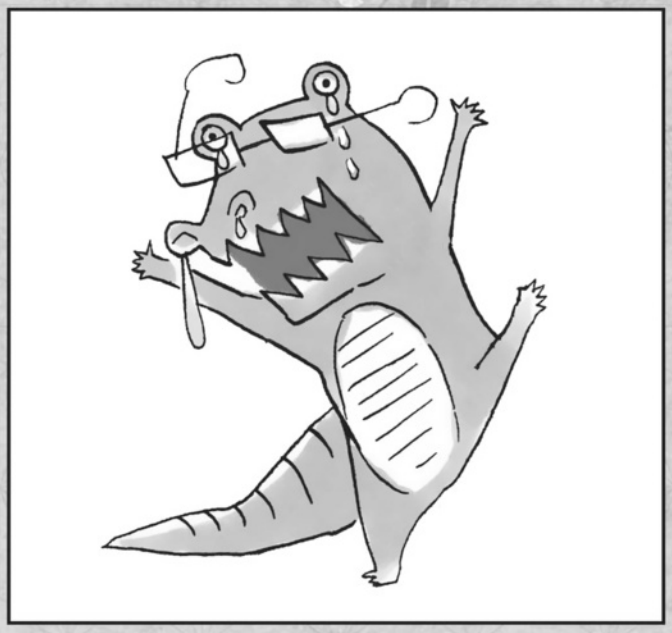

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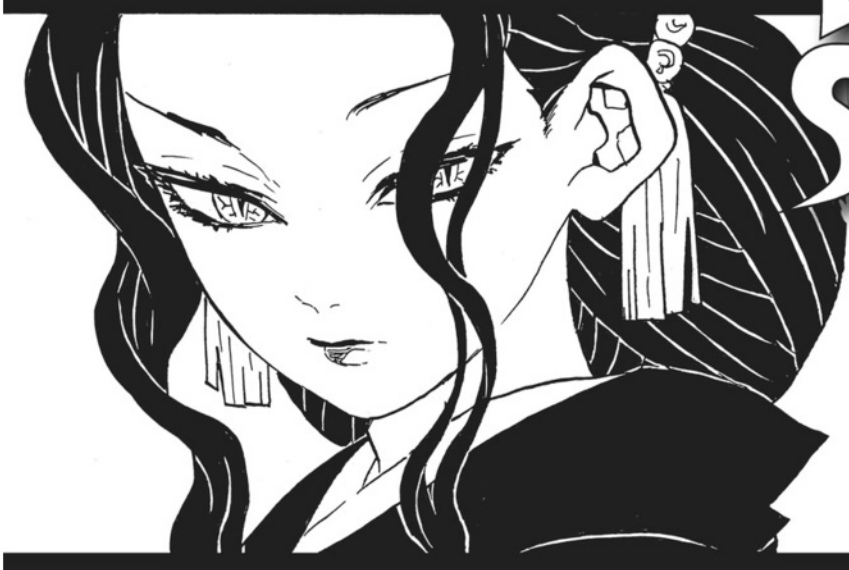

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# CHARACTERS

## TANJIRO KAMADO

A kind boy who saved his younger sister and now aims to avenge his family. He can smell the scent of demons and an opponent's weakness.

## NEZUKO KAMADO

Tanjiro's younger sister. A demon attacked her and turned her into a demon. But unlike other demons, she fights her urges and tries to protect Tanjiro.

## INOSUKE HASHIBIRA

He also went through Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He wears the pelt of a wild boar and is very belligerent.

## ZENITSU AGATSUMA

He went through Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He's usually cowardly, but when he falls asleep, his true power comes out.

## SAKONJI URokodaki

A trainer in the Demon Killer Corps and Tanjiro's master.

## SPIDER DEMON

Obsessed with the idea of having a family, he uses fear to bind his minions to him and calls them his family.

## MUZAN KIBUTSUJI

The one who turned Nezuko into a demon. He is Tanjiro's enemy and hides his nature in order to live among human beings.

## SHINOBU KOCHO

Another Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. Familiar with pharmacology, she is a swordswoman who has created a poison that kills demons.

## GIYU TOMIOKA

The Hashira who invited Tanjiro to join the Demon Slayer Corps.

# STORY

In Taisho-era Japan, young Tanjiro makes a living selling charcoal. One day, demons kill his family and turn his younger sister Nezuko into a demon. Tanjiro and Nezuko set out to find a way to return Nezuko to human form and defeat Kibutsuji, the demon who killed their family!

After joining the Demon Slayer Corps, Tanjiro meets Tamayo and Yushiro—demons who oppose Kibutsuji—who provide a clue to how Nezuko may regain her humanity. On a new mission, Tanjiro goes to Mount Natagumo with Zenitsu Agatsuma and Inosuke Hashibira. There, they encounter a group of demons pretending to be a family as they wipe out out Demon Slayer Corps members. Tanjiro finds himself in a tight spot until Giyu Tomioka rushes in to save him. Then another senior member of the corps joins the battle…

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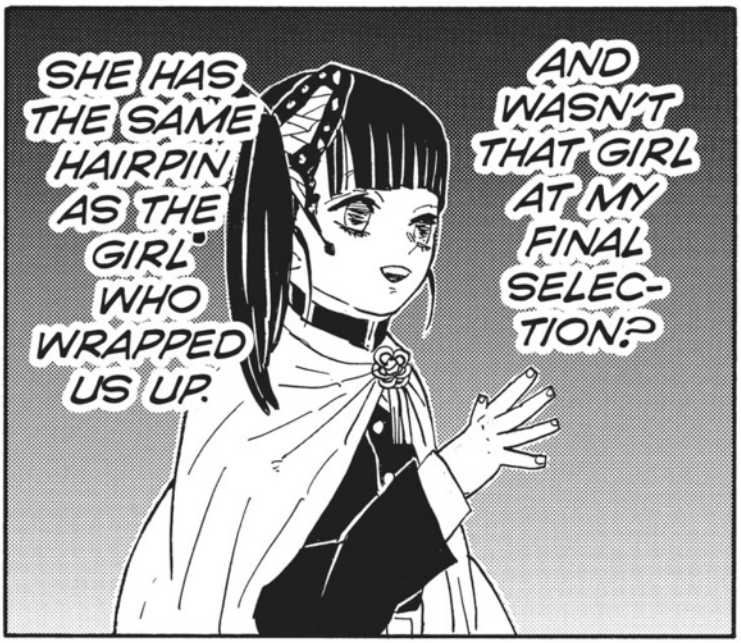
# CHAPTER 44: AGAINST CORPS RULES

*LABELS: TREATMENT COMPLETE

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

THEY'RE REALLY CLEANING UP QUICKLY.
???

YES. TAKE THE WOUNDED TO MY PLACE.
DO THEY GO TO BUTTERFLY MANSION TOO?


SHE HAS THE SAME HAIRPIN AS THE GIRL WHO WRAPPED US UP.
AND WASN'T THAT GIRL AT MY FINAL SELECTION?

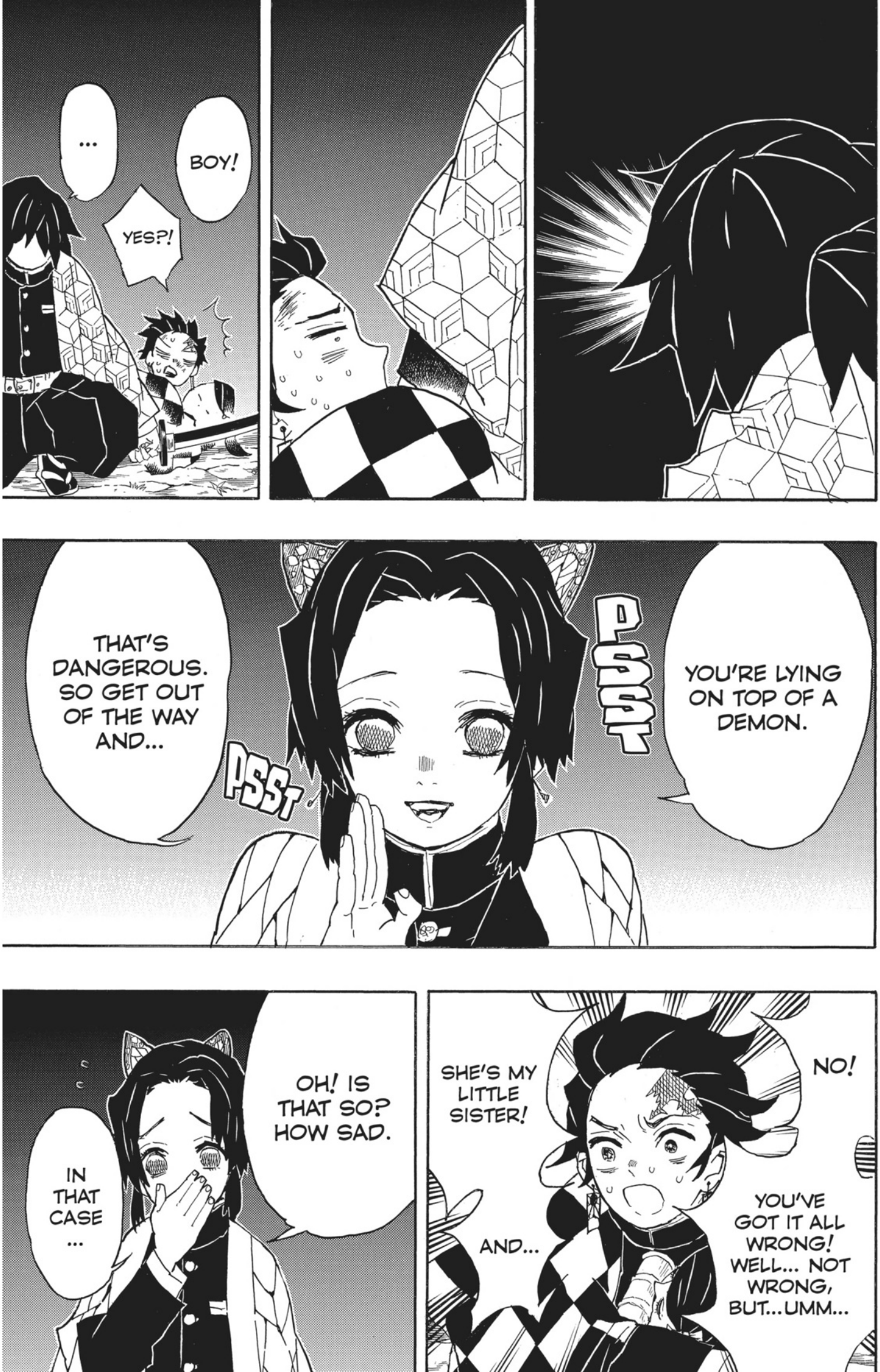
DROOP
DUNNO.
WHAT'S THIS?

I'LL TAKE CARE OF ANY DEMONS NEARBY, SO YOU CAN WORK WITHOUT FEAR.

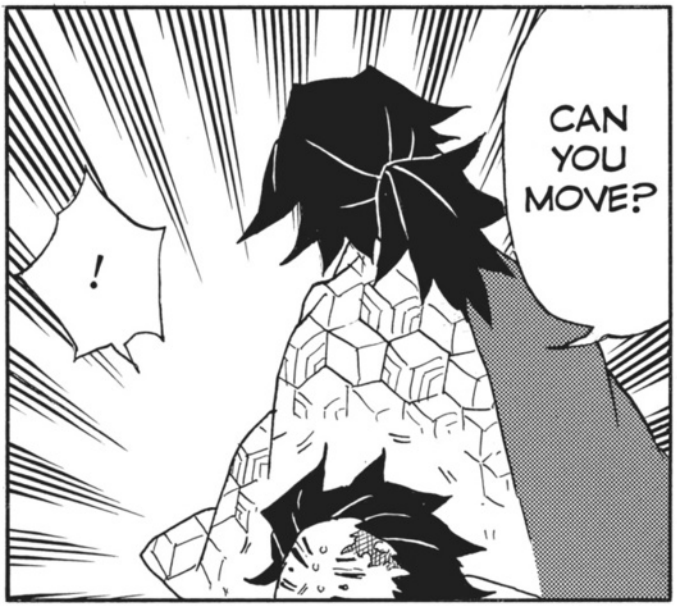
NOW MOVE, TOMIOKA.

WHY DID YOU SAY THAT EVERYONE HATES ME?

I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID ANYTHING. MY APOLOGIES.
I GUESS YOU NEVER REALIZED THAT PEOPLE HATED YOU. SORRY.
OH DEAR ...


...
BOY!
YES?!
PSST
PSST
THAT'S DANGEROUS. SO GET OUT OF THE WAY AND...
YOU'RE LYING ON TOP OF A DEMON.
IN THAT CASE ...
OH! IS THAT SO? HOW SAD.
AND...
SHE'S MY LITTLE SISTER!
NO!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG! WELL... NOT WRONG, BUT...UMM...

...I'LL USE A GENTLE POISON TO KILL HER SO SHE WON'T SUFFER.


CAN YOU MOVE?
!

...

TAKE YOUR SISTER AND FLEE.
EVEN IF YOU'RE HURT, GATHER YOURSELF UP AND GET GOING.

TOMIOKA...
!

THANK YOU!
I'M SORRY!
WHSH

...

THIS IS AGAINST CORPS RULES.
YOU KNOW ...

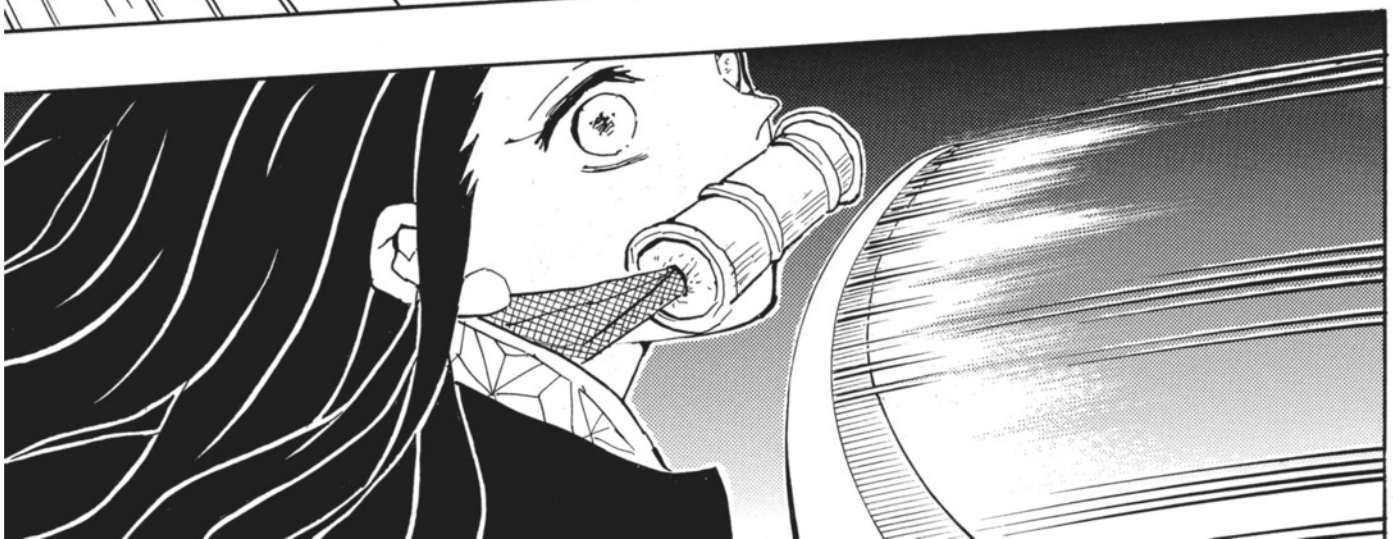
YANK
TMP TMP TMP TMP
BUT-I MUST KEEP GOING!
THE PAIN! I WANT TO SCREAM!
HOFF
ARGH! MY WHOLE BODY HURTS!
PLIP
KEEP GOING, KEEP GOING...
KEEP GOING, KEEP GOING...

THEY WON'T ACCEPT A SWORDSMAN WHO TRAVELS WITH A DEMON... AND MY SISTER IS A DEMON!
WILL I HAVE TO LEAVE THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS?

HUH?
SLAM
IT TOOK ALL I HAD JUST TO RUN!
AW, NO!

SHWISH
SHF
YANK

THMP
RUN, NEZUKO! RUN!
WHOOSH
RU—
NNGH!



TWO

!!
SHE TURNED INTO A SMALL CHILD!

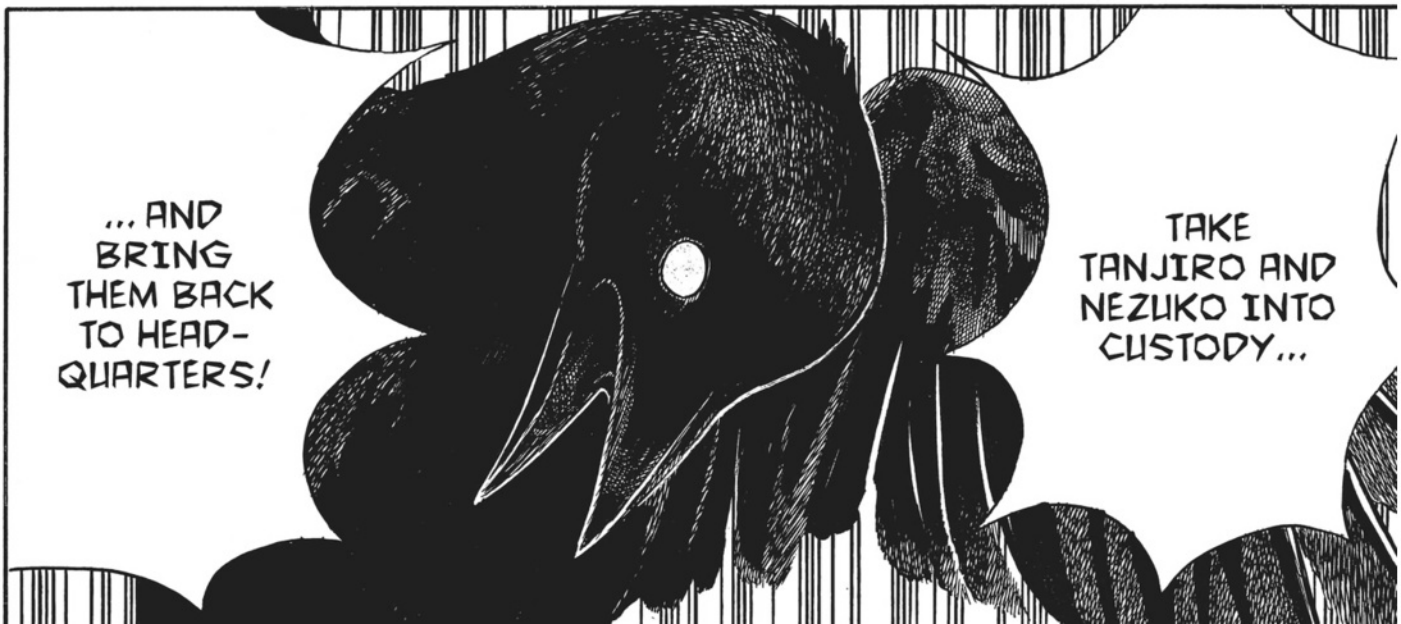
TP
TP
TP
TP
TP
TP
TP
TP
SHE'S JUST RUNNING. NOT ATTACKING AT ALL.
WHY?
DON'T THINK ABOUT IT...
JUST KILL DEMONS, LIKE I WAS TAUGHT!
I'M CHASING DOWN A DEMON TO KILL IT...
...THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT.

GRIP
GRIP
GRIP
SQUEEZE
...BUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS AGAINST THE RULES.
...
EXPLAIN YOUR-SELF!
YOU'RE INTERFERING WITH THE SLAYING OF A DEMON.

FWAP
FLAP
GRIP
SQUEEZE
HOW ABOUT JUST SAYING SOMETHING ?
I THINK IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO...
OH NO. IS THIS GOING TO BE ONE OF YOUR LONG, RAMBLING STORIES? ARE YOU TRYING TO BORE ME...
...OR ARE YOU JUST GETTING BACK AT ME BECAUSE I SAID PEOPLE HATE YOU?
SKF
!
HNF

KAWW!
MESSAGE!
MESSAGE!

MESSAGE!
FWUP
?!


... AND BRING THEM BACK TO HEAD-QUARTERS!
TAKE TANJIRO AND NEZUKO INTO CUSTODY...

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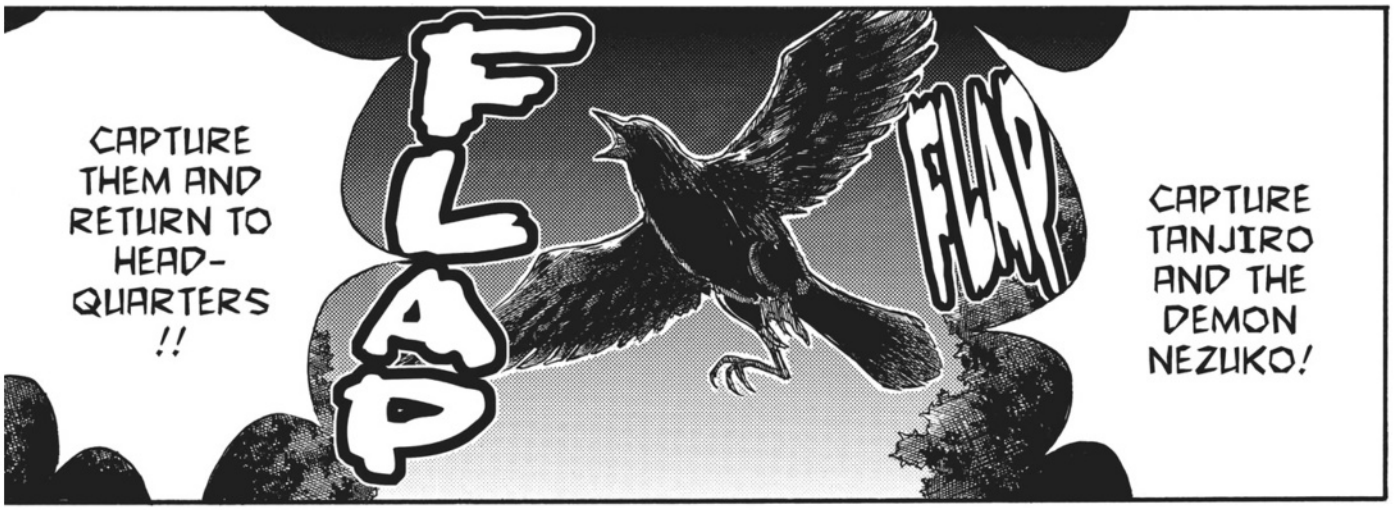
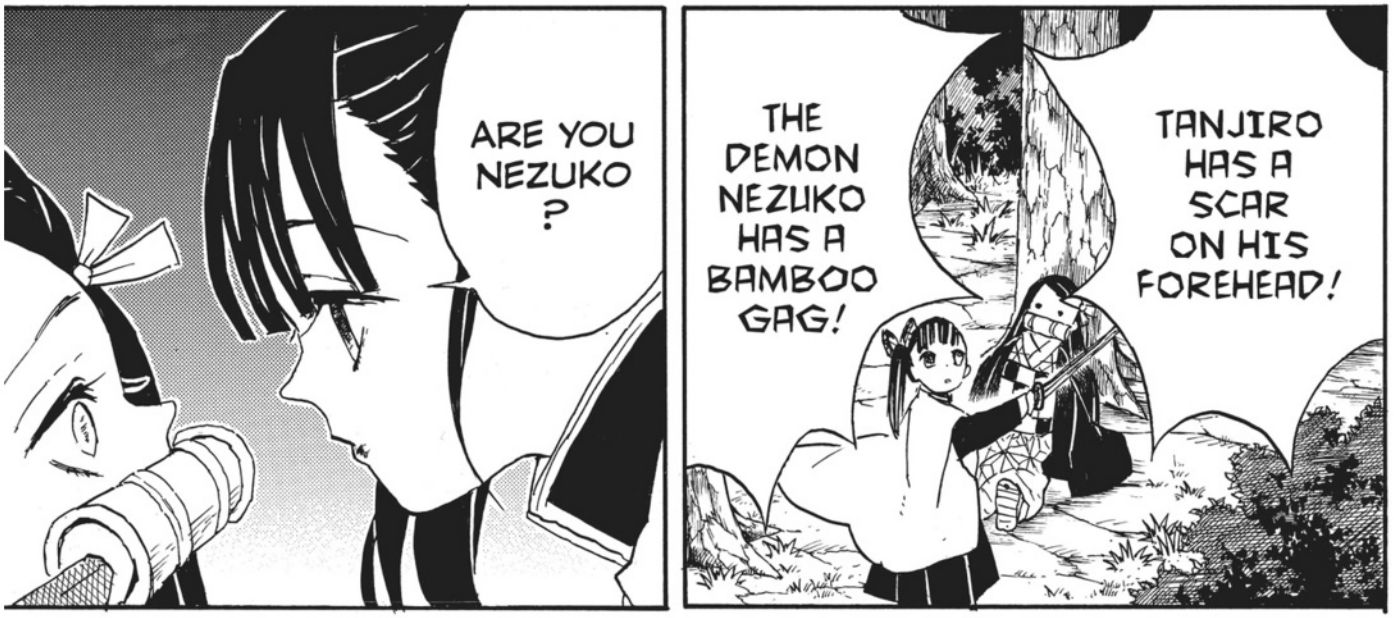
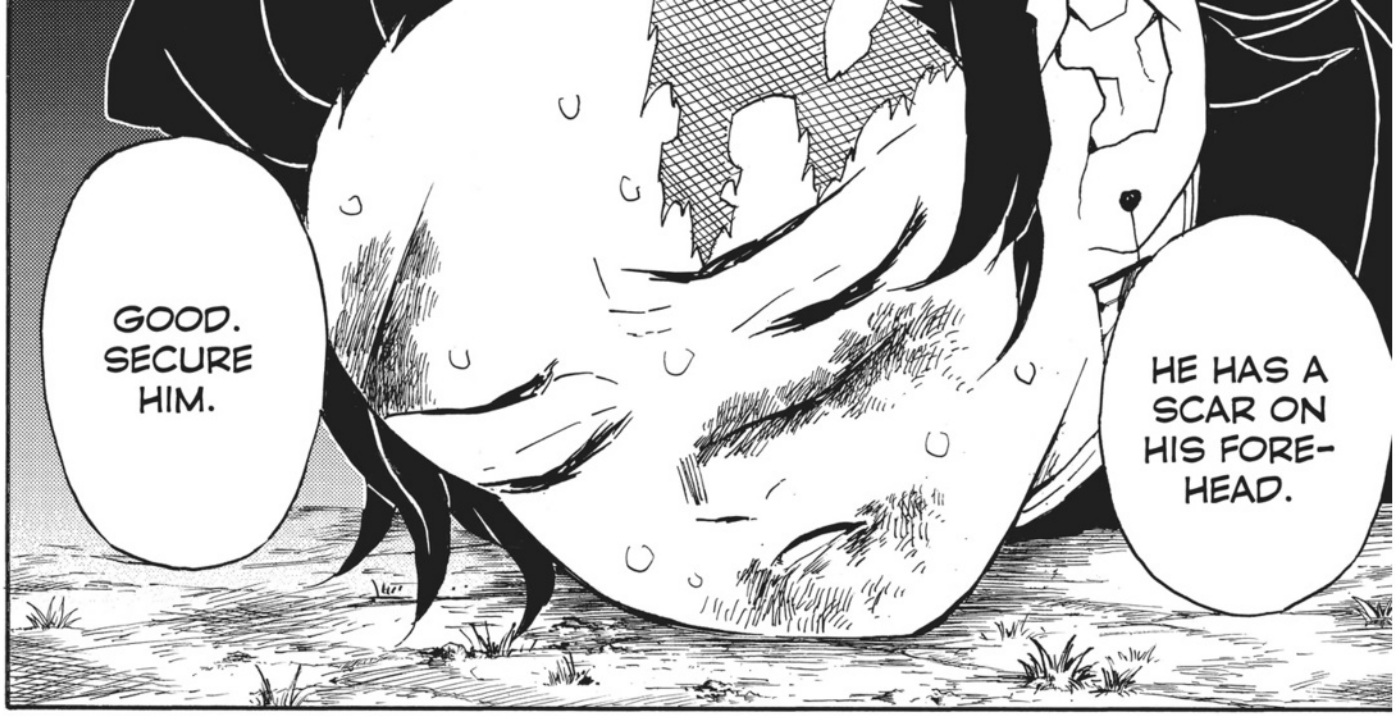
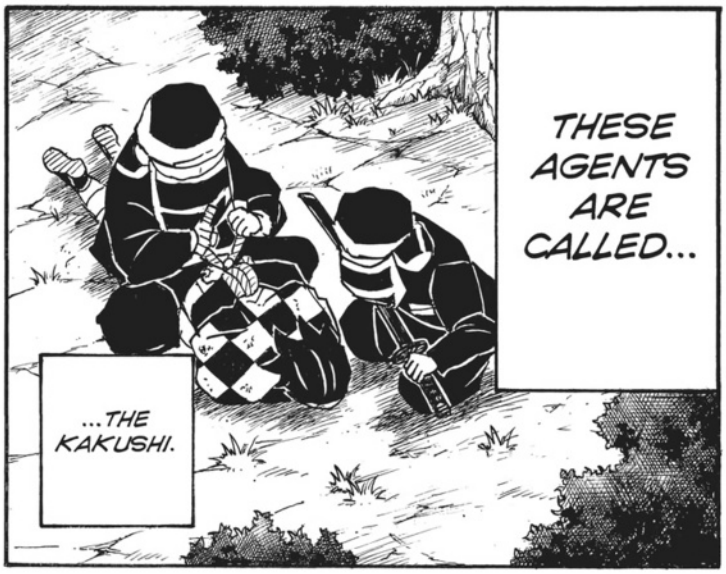
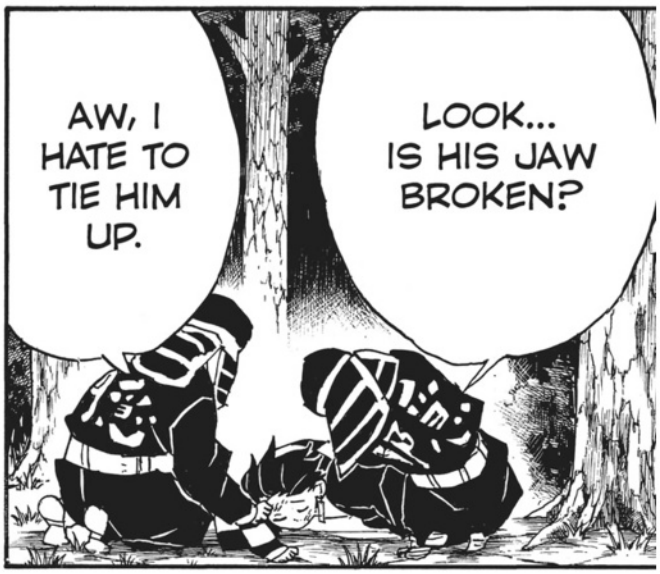

CAPTURE THEM AND RETURN TO HEAD-QUARTERS !!
FLAP
FLAP
CAPTURE TANJIRO AND THE DEMON NEZUKO!

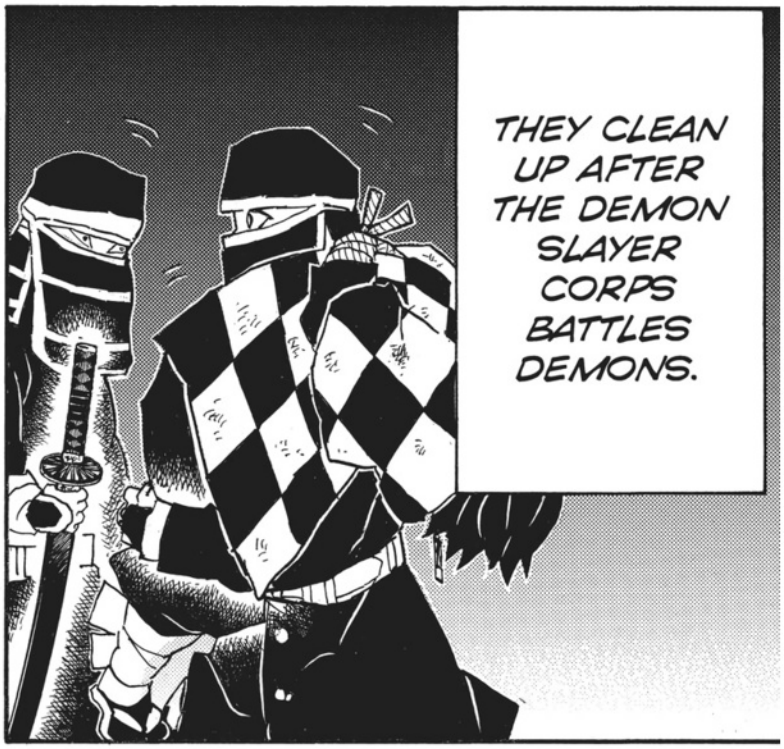

ARE YOU NEZUKO ?
THE DEMON NEZUKO HAS A BAMBOO GAG!
TANJIRO HAS A SCAR ON HIS FOREHEAD!


GOOD. SECURE HIM.
HE HAS A SCAR ON HIS FORE-HEAD.


THESE AGENTS ARE CALLED...
...THE KAKUSHI.


AW, I HATE TO TIE HIM UP.
LOOK... IS HIS JAW BROKEN?

MOST MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP LACK ANY SWORD SKILLS.

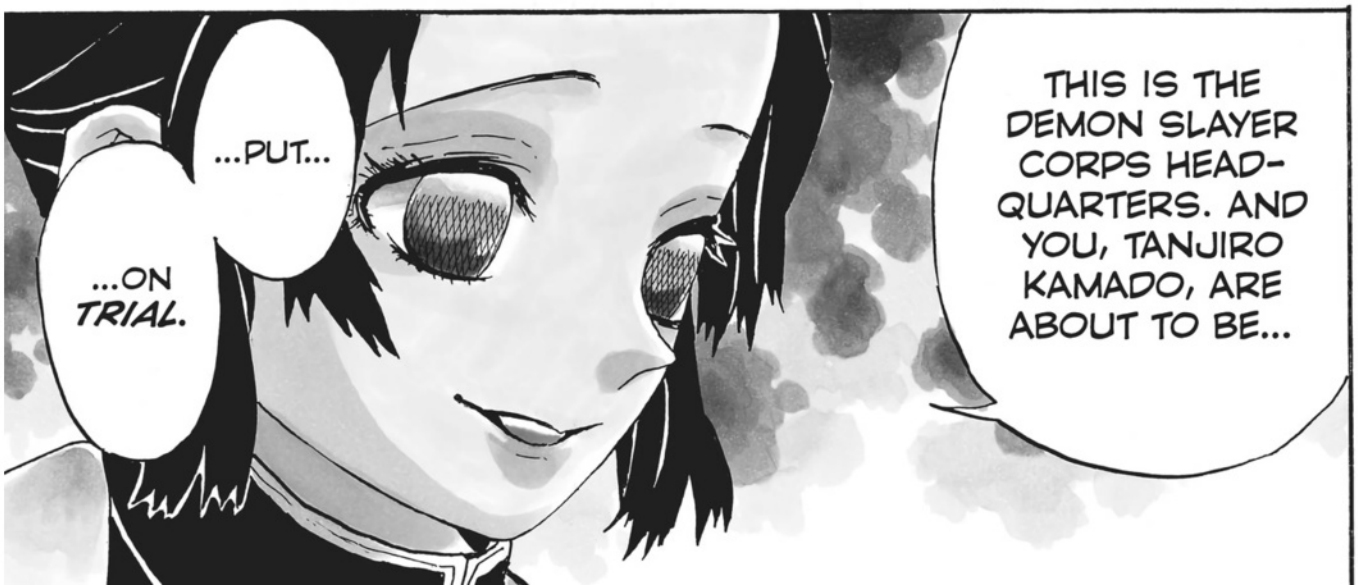

THEY CLEAN UP AFTER THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS BATTLES DEMONS.

GET UP.
HEY!
HEY, YOU!
GET UP!
HEY!
GET UP... HEY!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA SLEEP?! GET UP ALREADY, WOULD YA?!

南無阿弥陀仏
南無阿
YOU'RE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE HASHIRA!

You gonna get in the box? Is that what you like?

## CHAPTER 45: TRIAL BY HASHIRA



THE HASHIRA...
...ARE THE NINE DEMON SLAYER CORPS MEMBERS WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SWORDSMANSHIP.
LOWER-RANKED CORPS MEMBERS DIE INCREDIBLY QUICKLY, BUT THE HASHIRA ARE DIFFERENT.
THEY PROVIDE STABILITY TO THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

# CHAPTER 45: TRIAL BY HASHIRA

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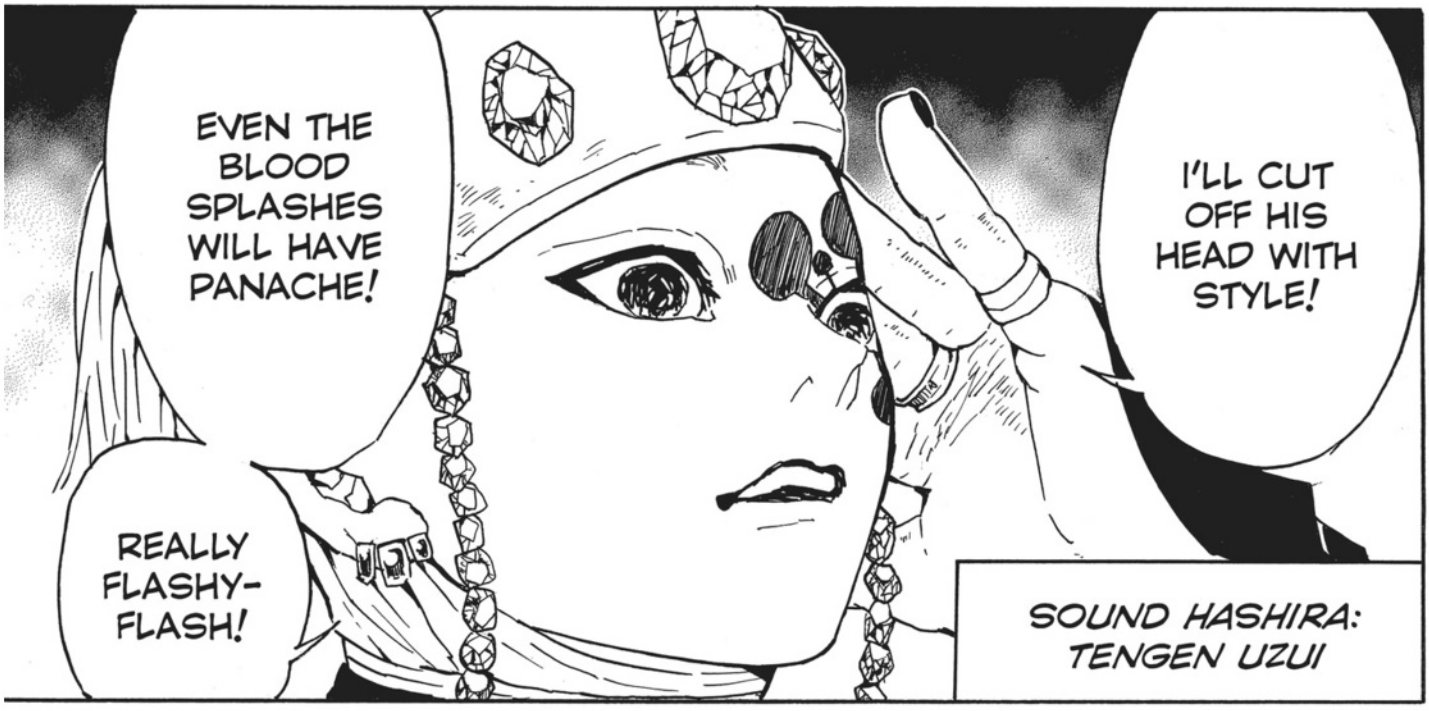
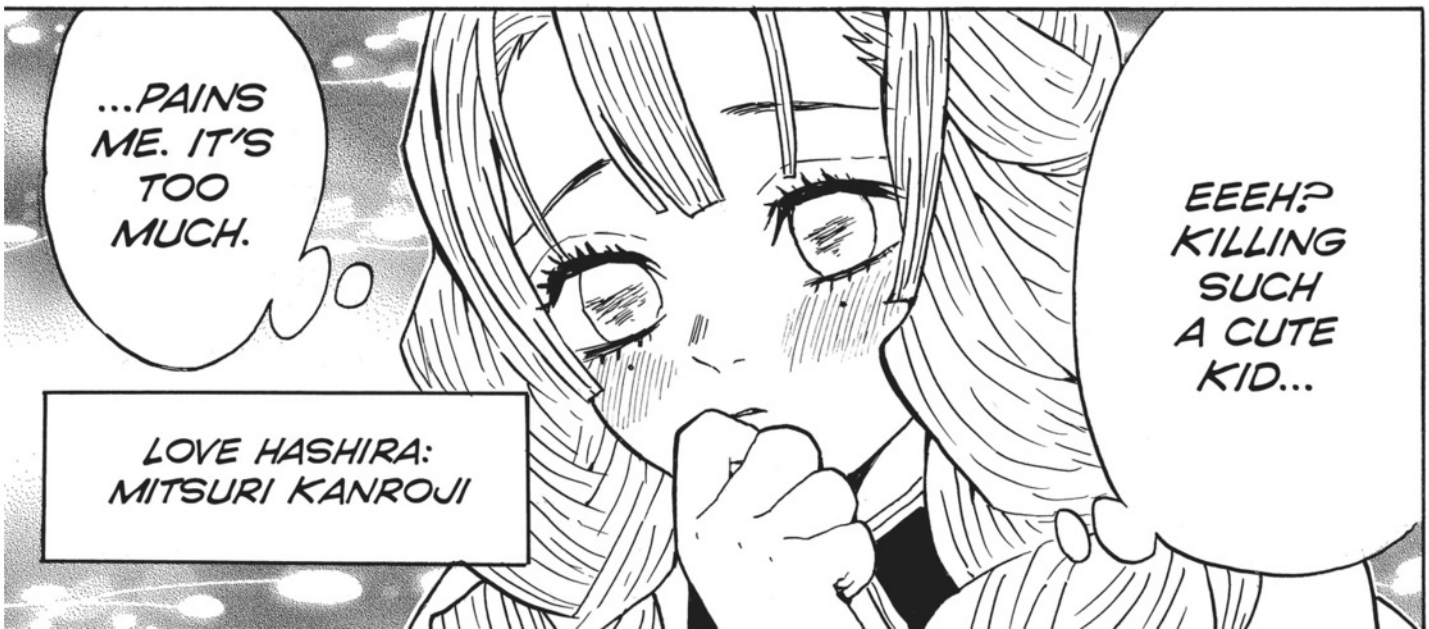
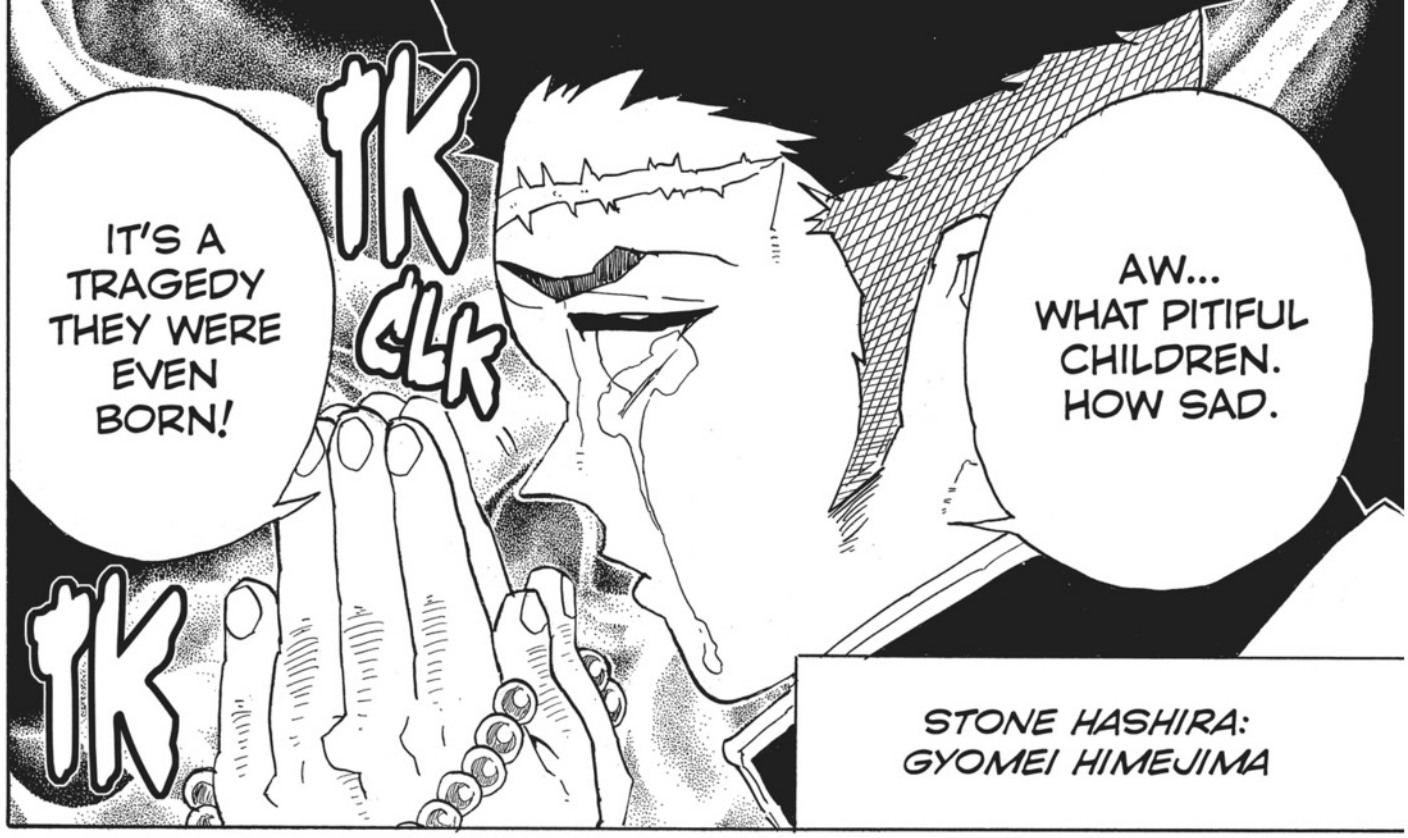
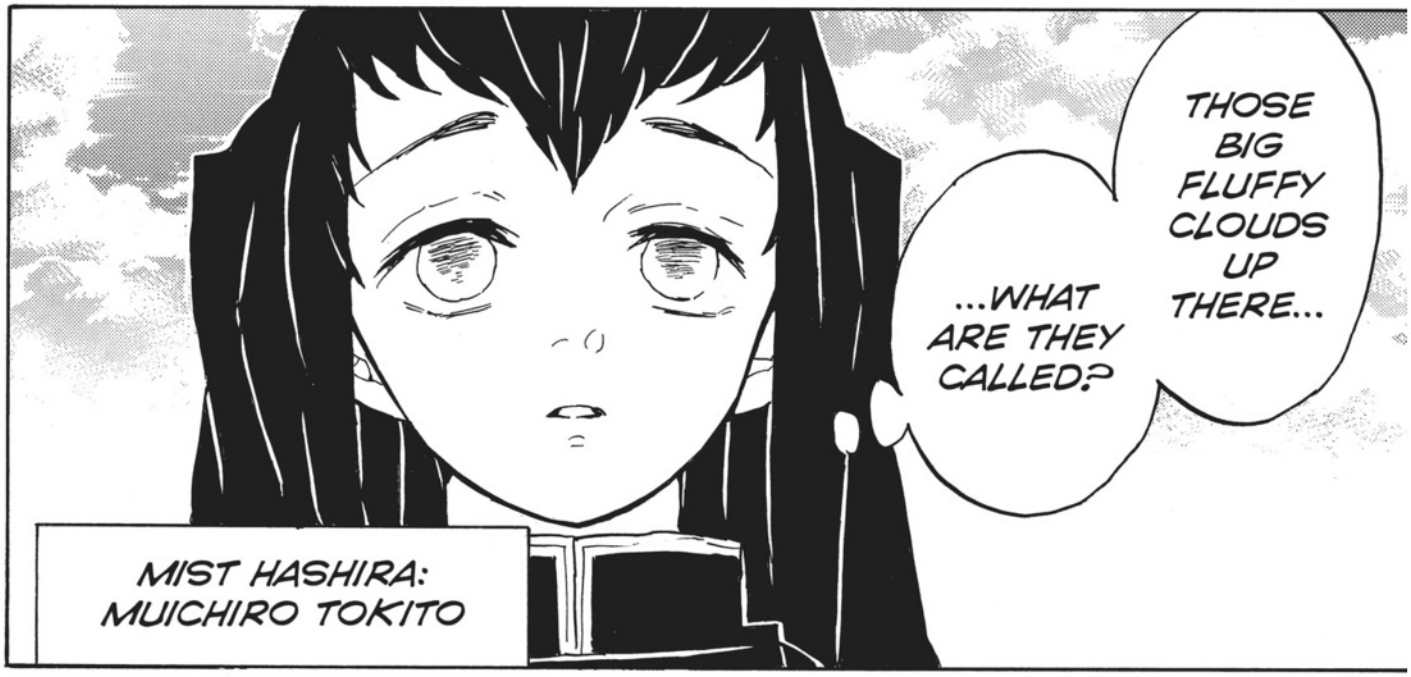
THERE'S NO NEED FOR A TRIAL!
PROTECTING A DEMON IS CLEARLY AGAINST CORPS RULES!
LET'S JUST LOP OFF HIS HEAD ALONG WITH THE DEMON'S!
FLAME HASHIRA: KYOJURO RENGOKU

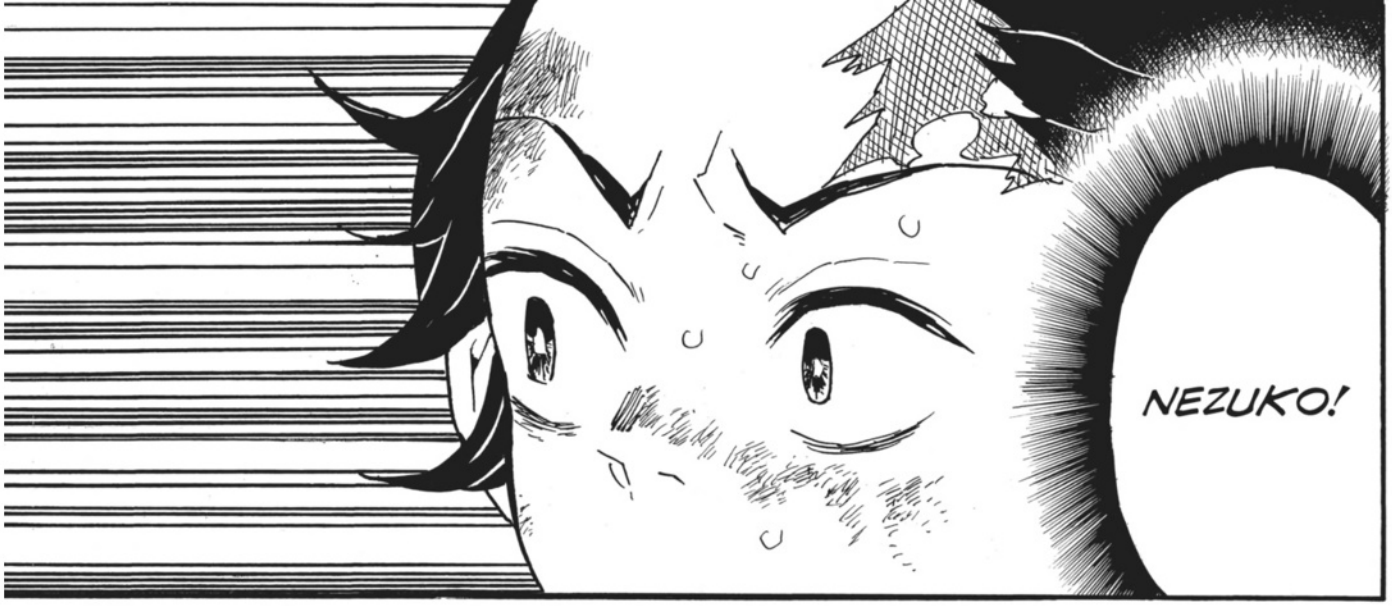

I'LL CUT OFF HIS HEAD WITH STYLE!
EVEN THE BLOOD SPLASHES WILL HAVE PANACHE!
REALLY FLASHY-FLASH!
SOUND HASHIRA: TENGEN UZUI

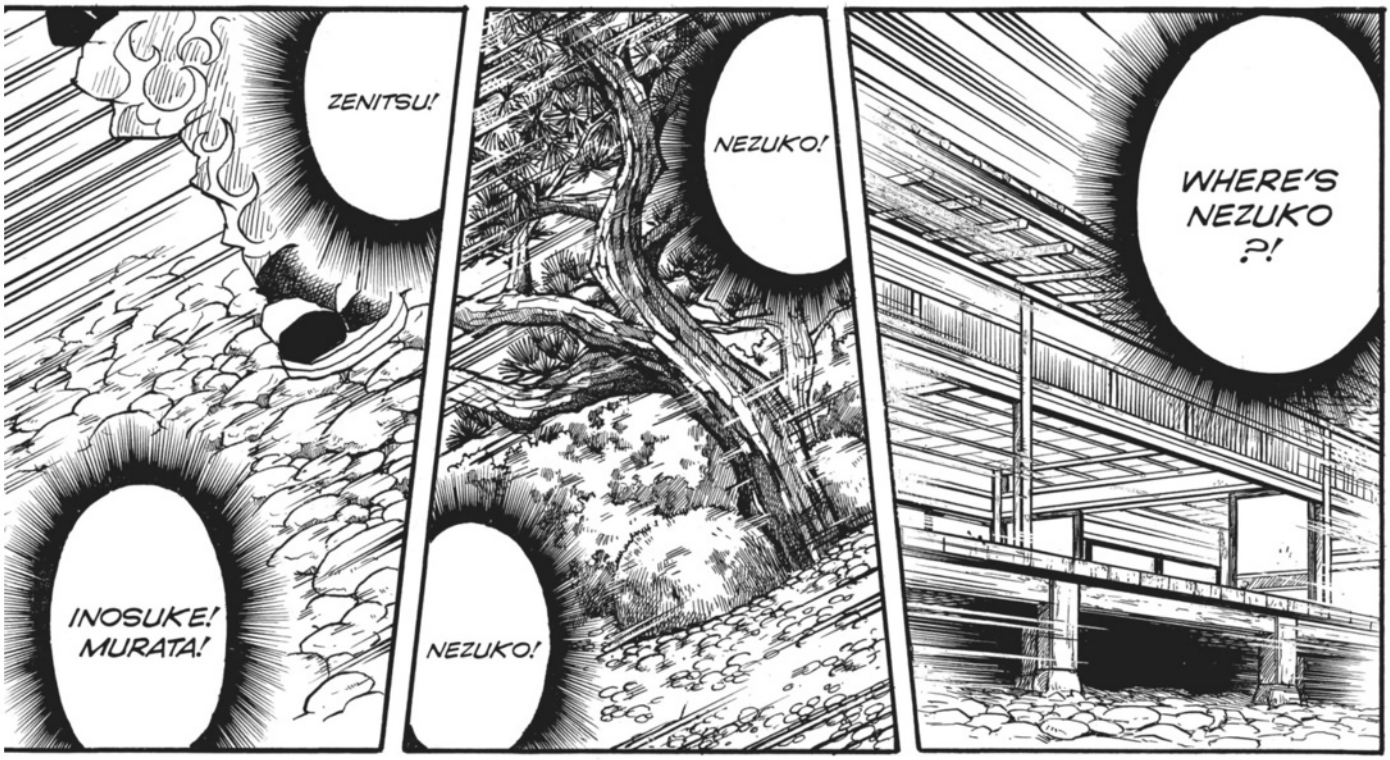

EEEH? KILLING SUCH A CUTE KID...
...PAINS ME. IT'S TOO MUCH.
LOVE HASHIRA: MITSURI KANROJI

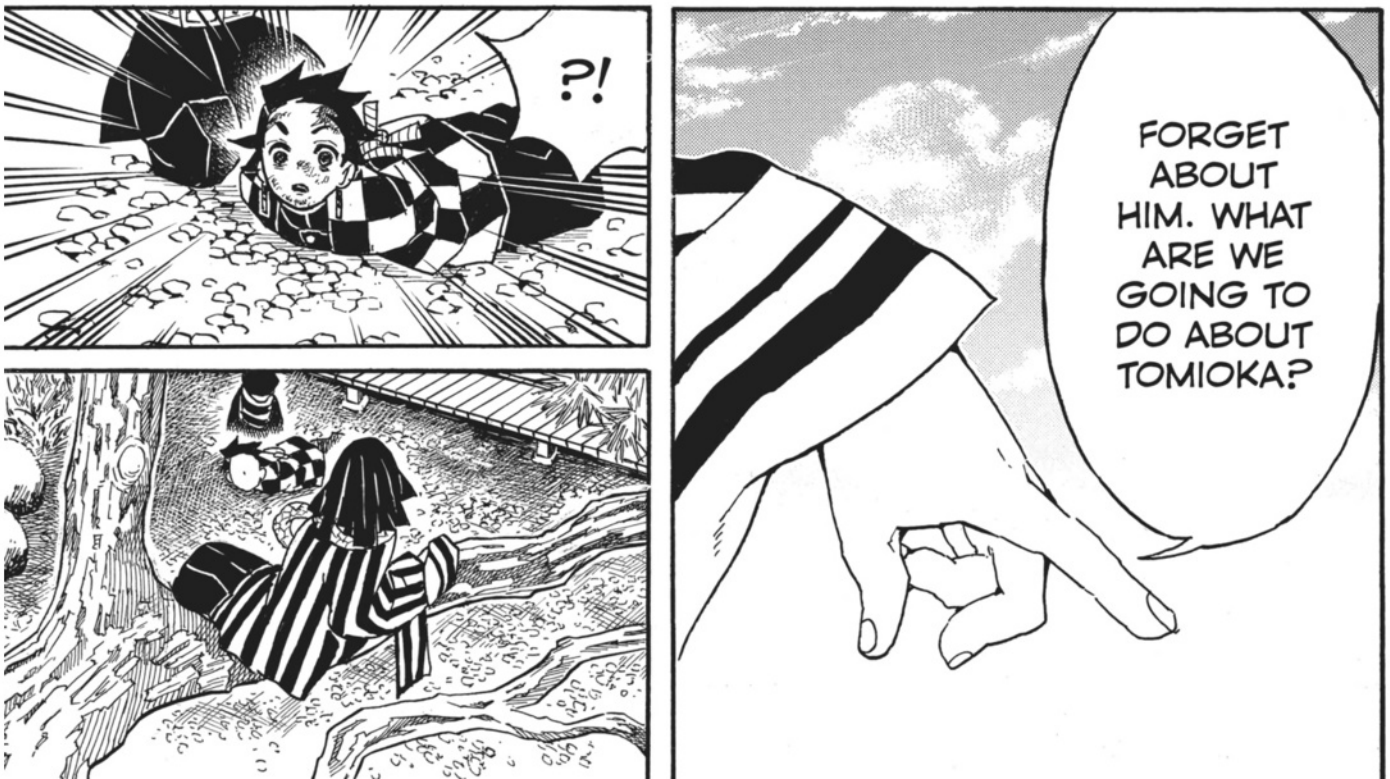

AW... WHAT PITIFUL CHILDREN. HOW SAD.
IT'S A TRAGEDY THEY WERE EVEN BORN!
TK
CLK
TK
STONE HASHIRA: GYOMEI HIMEJIMA


THOSE BIG FLUFFY CLOUDS UP THERE...
...WHAT ARE THEY CALLED?
MIST HASHIRA: MUICHIRO TOKITO

YEAH, BUT WITH STYLE!
YEAH.
LET'S KILL 'EM.

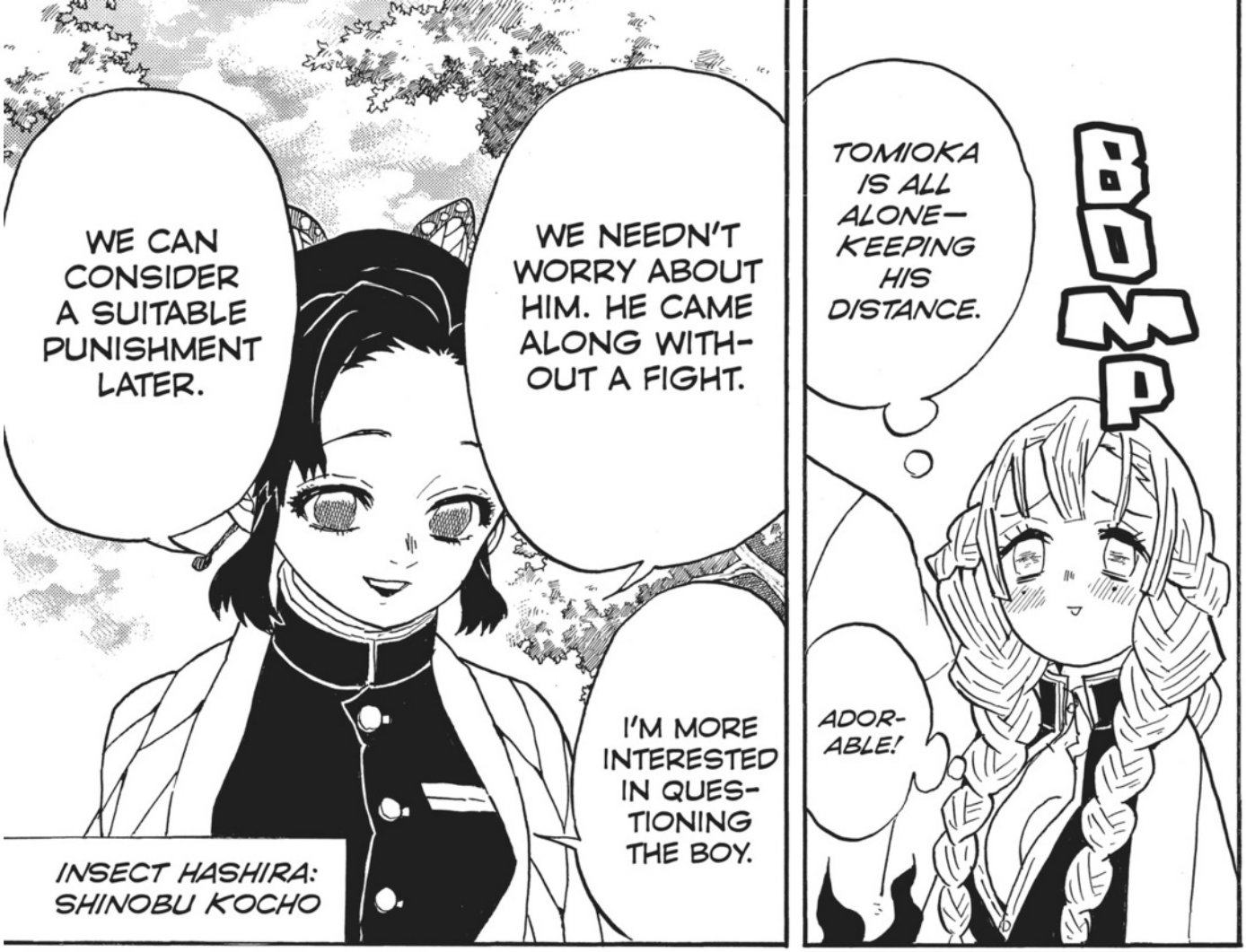

NEZUKO!


ZENITSU!
INOSUKE! MURATA!
NEZUKO!
NEZUKO!
WHERE'S NEZUKO ?!


?!
FORGET ABOUT HIM. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT TOMIOKA?

KOCHO SAYS TOMIOKA BROKE CORPS RULES TOO.
HSS
HSS
HSS
WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT THIS? HOW SHALL HE TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY? WHAT PRICE SHALL HE PAY?
RIGHT NOW HE'S JUST WANDER-ING AROUND FREELY, AND THAT GIVES ME A HEADACHE.
SERPENT HASHIRA: IGURO OBANAI

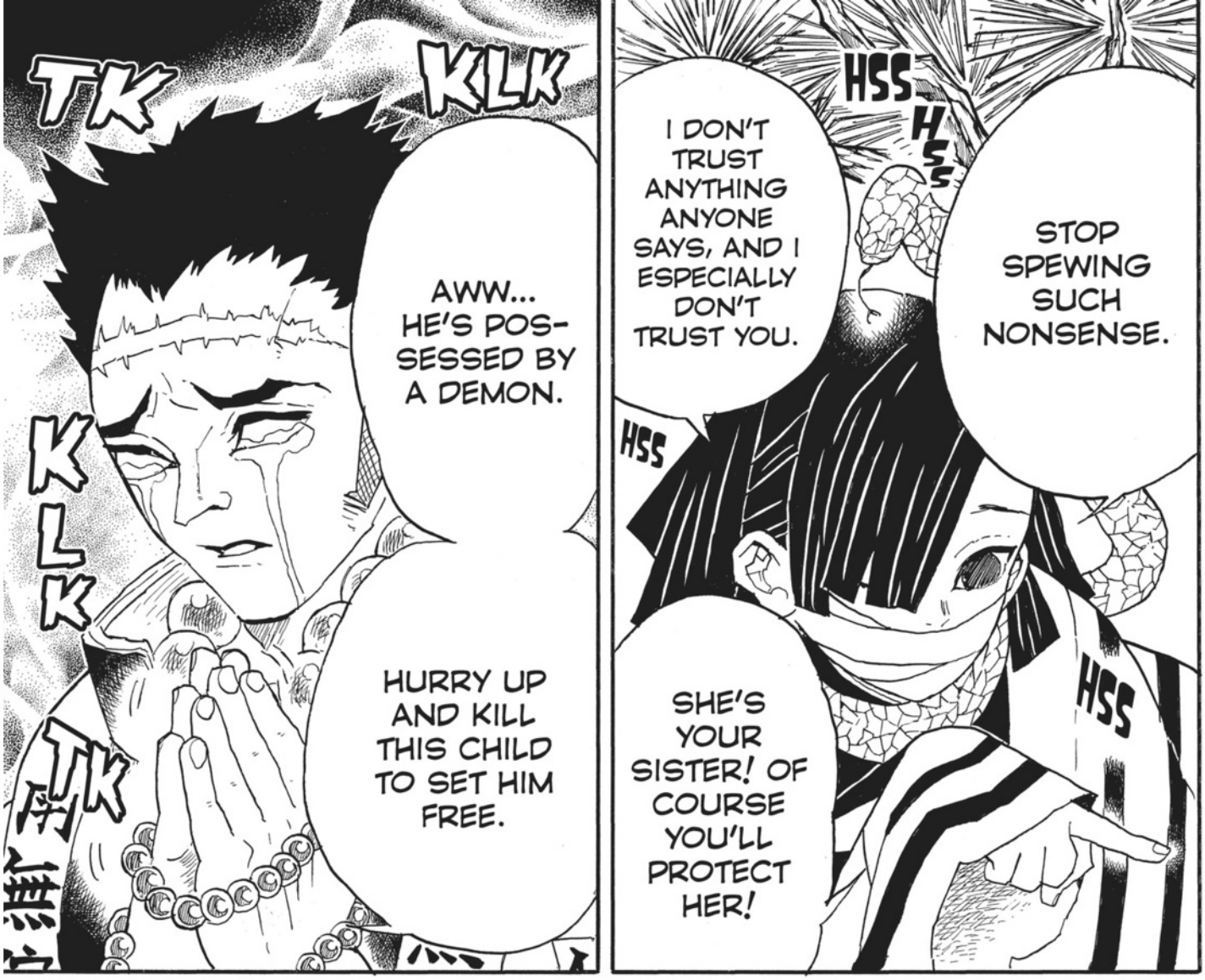
AS USUAL, IGURO IS AS COOLY MENACING AS A SNAKE.
HE'S RELI-ABLE, WHICH IS NICE.
WATER HASHIRA: GIYU TOMIOKA

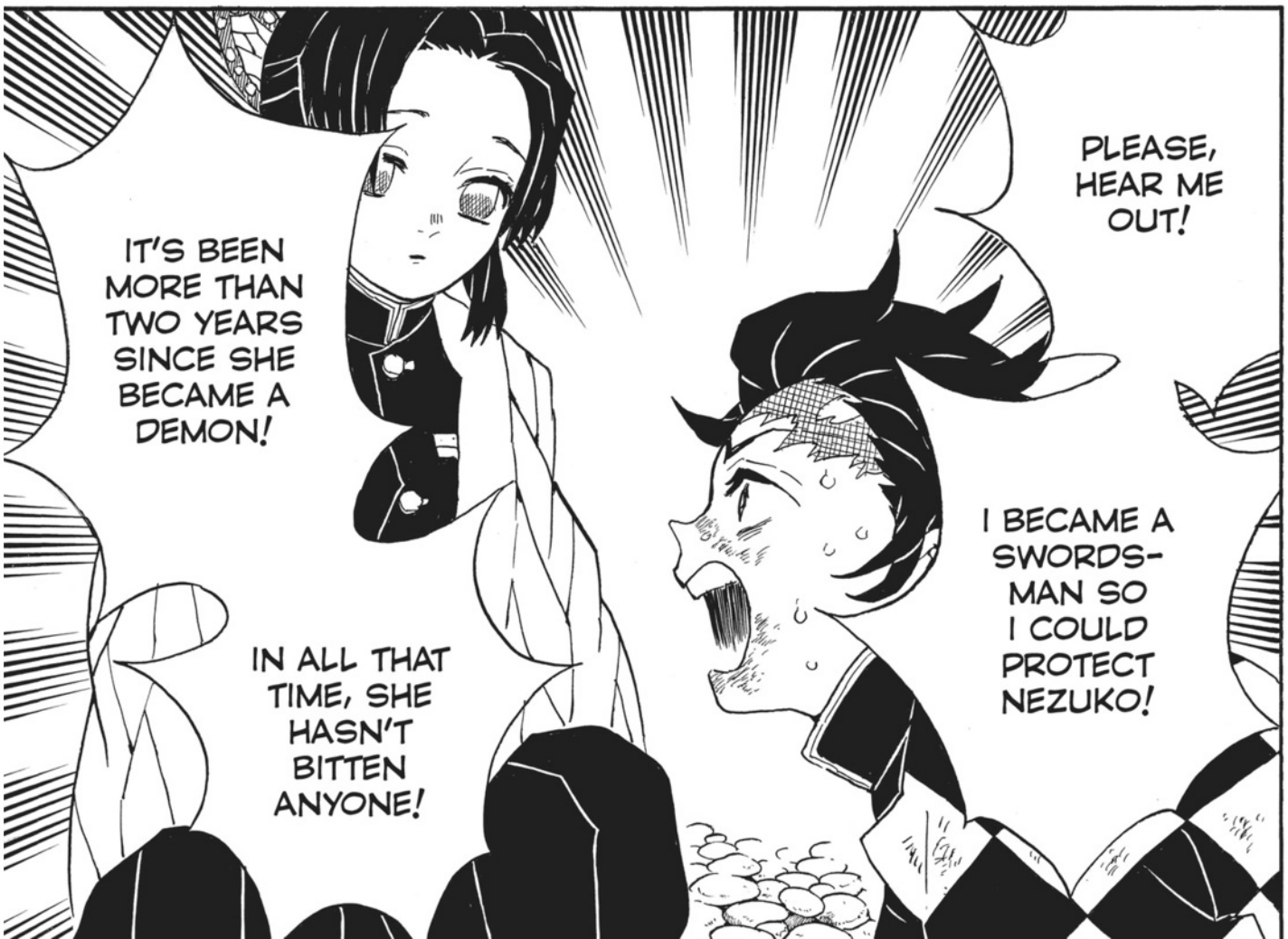

WE CAN CONSIDER A SUITABLE PUNISHMENT LATER.
WE NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT HIM. HE CAME ALONG WITHOUT A FIGHT.
I'M MORE INTERESTED IN QUESTIONING THE BOY.
INSECT HASHIRA: SHINOBU KOCHO
BOMP
TOMIOKA IS ALL ALONE— KEEPING HIS DISTANCE.
ADORABLE!

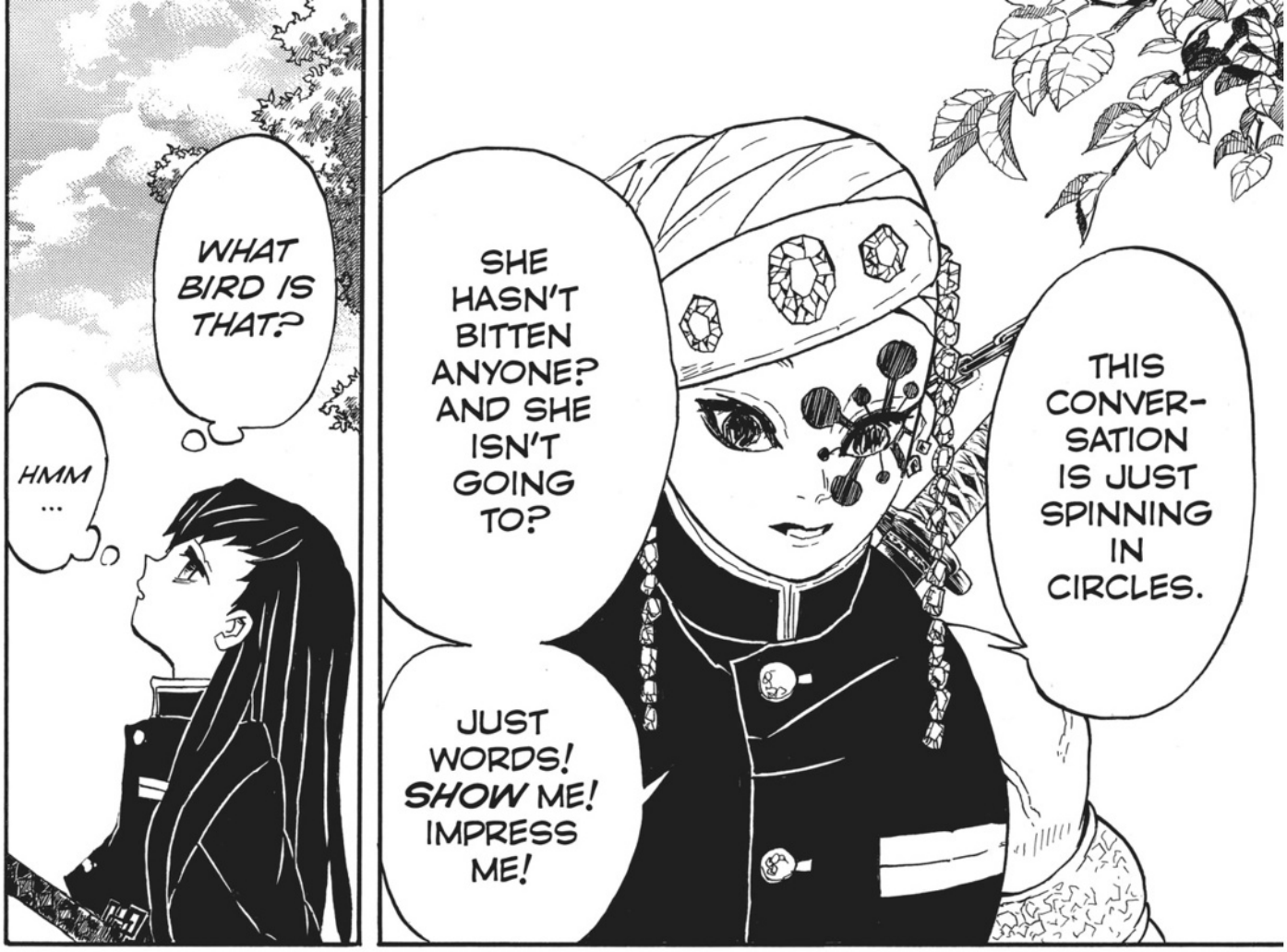
NNGH
...!
BECAUSE OF ME, TOMIOKA IS...

KOFF KOFF KOFF

SHHF
YOUR JAW IS HURT, SO DRINK SLOWLY...
KOFF
...THEN YOU CAN TALK.
HERE. DRINK SOME WATER.
YOUR WOUND HASN'T HEALED, SO DON'T OVERDO IT.
POK
IT CONTAINS A PAIN-KILLER, SO YOU'LL FEEL BETTER.
GLUG
GLG
...AND SHE WON'T!
SHE HASN'T ...
NEZUKO WILL NEVER HURT ANYONE!
...BUT SHE HASN'T EATEN ANY HUMAN FLESH!
MY SISTER WAS TURNED INTO A DEMON...


TK
KLK
AWW... HE'S POSSESSED BY A DEMON.
KLK
HURRY UP AND KILL THIS CHILD TO SET HIM FREE.
TK
HSS
HSS
I DON'T TRUST ANYTHING ANYONE SAYS, AND I ESPECIALLY DON'T TRUST YOU.
STOP SPEWING SUCH NONSENSE.
HSS
HSS
SHE'S YOUR SISTER! OF COURSE YOU'LL PROTECT HER!

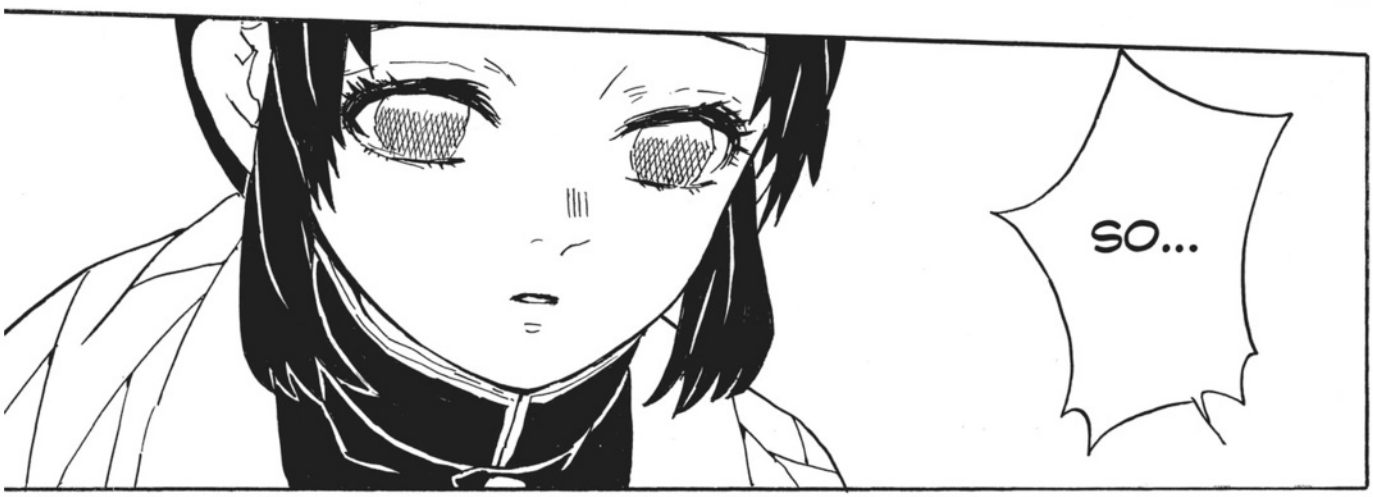

IT'S BEEN MORE THAN TWO YEARS SINCE SHE BECAME A DEMON!
IN ALL THAT TIME, SHE HASN'T BITTEN ANYONE!
PLEASE, HEAR ME OUT!
I BECAME A SWORDSMAN SO I COULD PROTECT NEZUKO!


WHAT BIRD IS THAT?
HMM ...
SHE HASN'T BITTEN ANYONE? AND SHE ISN'T GOING TO?
JUST WORDS! *SHOW* ME! IMPRESS ME!
THIS CONVER-SATION IS JUST SPINNING IN CIRCLES.

THE *MASTER OF THE MANSION* MUST BE AWARE OF THIS...
UH...
I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THIS.

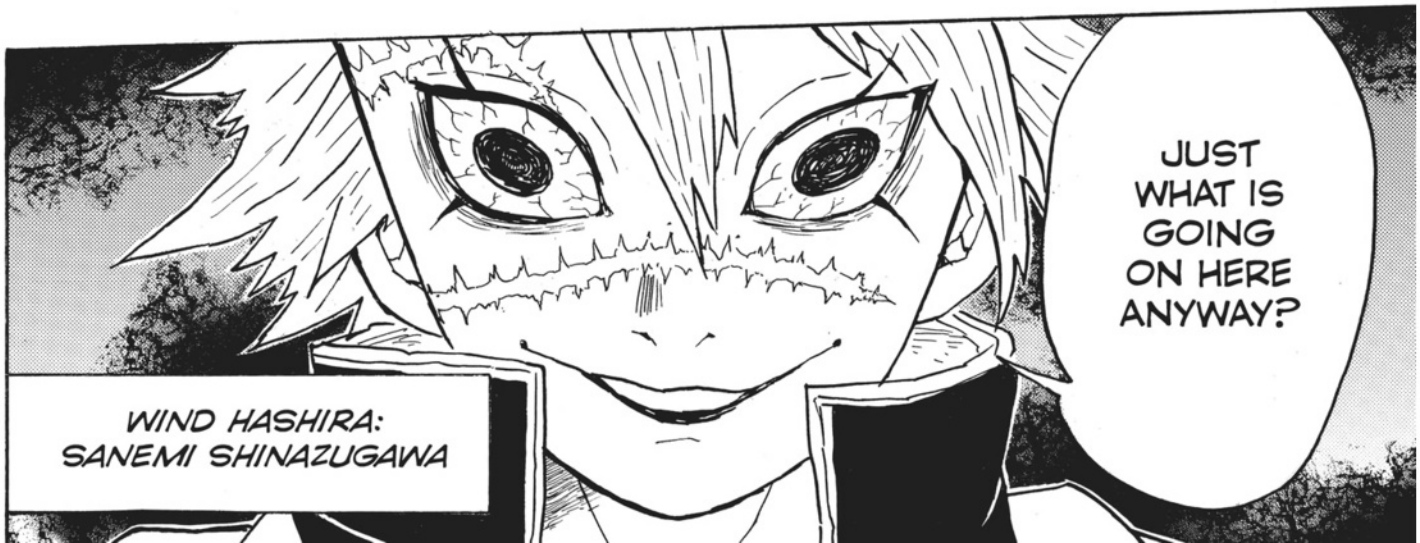
...
...
...
SHOULDN'T WE WAIT UNTIL HE GETS BACK?
...
THROB
...SO SHOULD WE REALLY HANDLE IT ON OUR OWN?
ACHE

SHE CAN FIGHT *FOR* THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS AND PROTECT PEOPLE!
MY SISTER HAS FOUGHT ALONGSIDE ME!

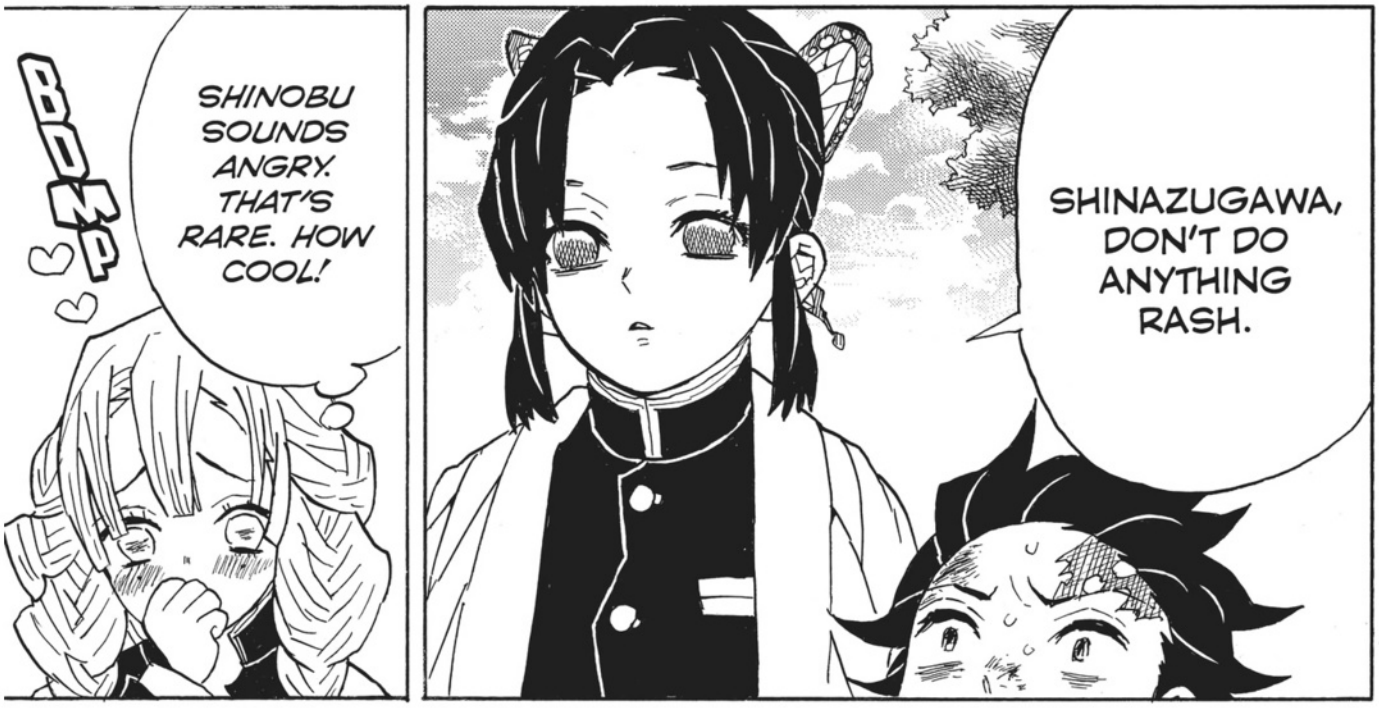

SO...

NO, LORD SHINAZ-UGAWA!
PLEASE, PUT DOWN THE BOX!
SAAAY... THIS IS GETTING SORTA INTERESTING.

IS THAT THE IDIOTIC CORPS MEMBER WHO TRAVELS WITH A DEMON?
TMP
TMP
TMP

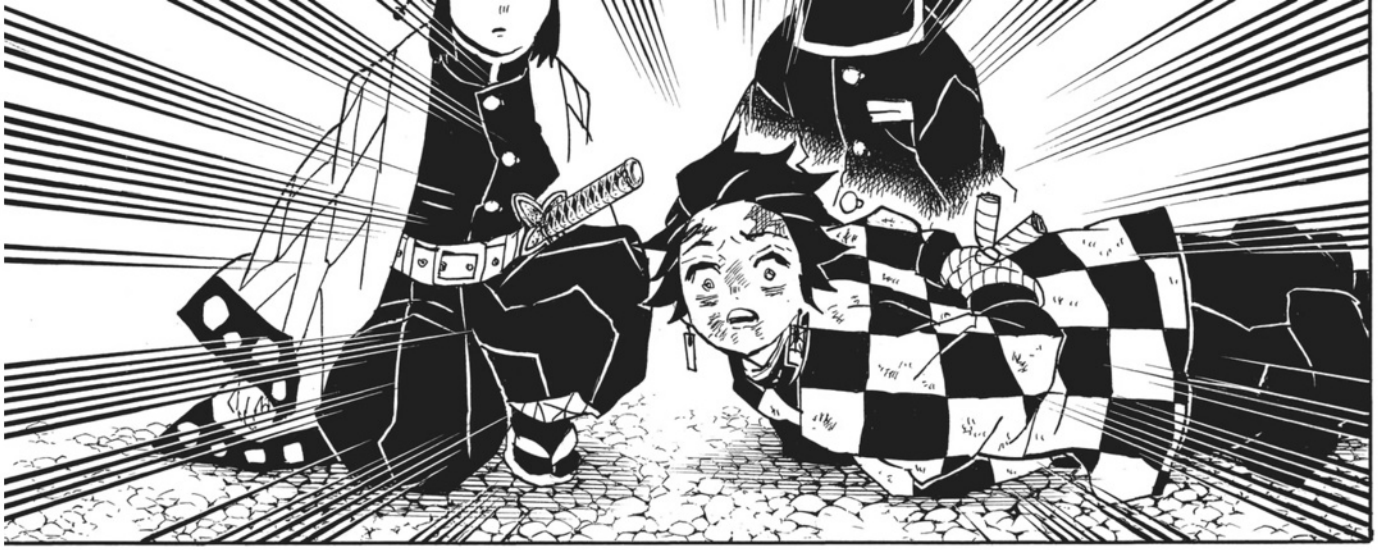

JUST WHAT IS GOING ON HERE ANYWAY?
WIND HASHIRA: SANEMI SHINAZUGAWA

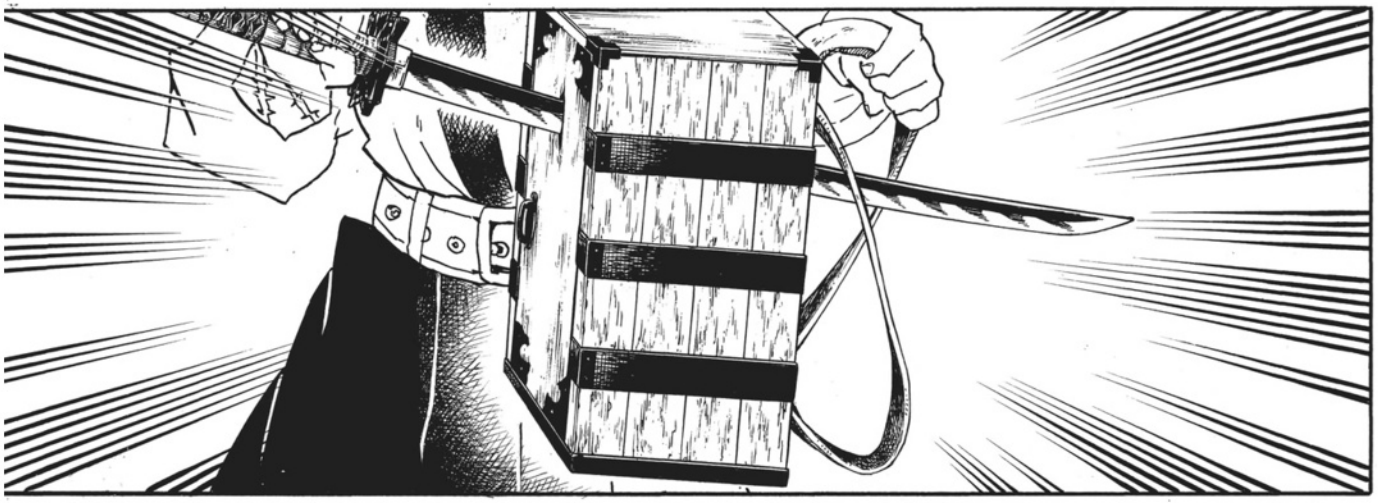
LADY KOCHO, WE APOLO-GIZE!
BOKP
HE HAS EVEN MORE SCARS THAN BEFORE! HOW RUGGED!

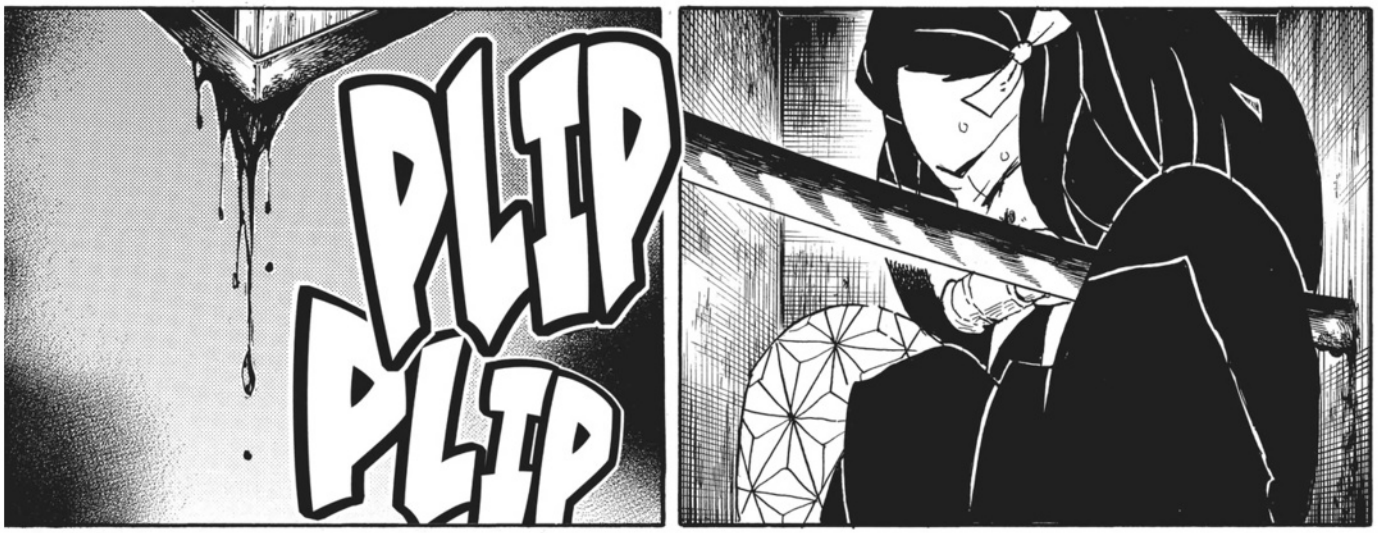

BOKP
SHINOBU SOUNDS ANGRY. THAT'S RARE. HOW COOL!
SHINAZUGAWA, DON'T DO ANYTHING RASH.

THAT'S INCRED-IBLE! AMAZING! WHY, THAT'S...
YOU SAY SHE CAN PROTECT PEOPLE AND FIGHT FOR THE CORPS?
WHAT ABOUT THIS DEMON, BOY?

...
COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE, YOU FOOL!
KYAH






PLIP
PLIP

WHSH
AAAH!

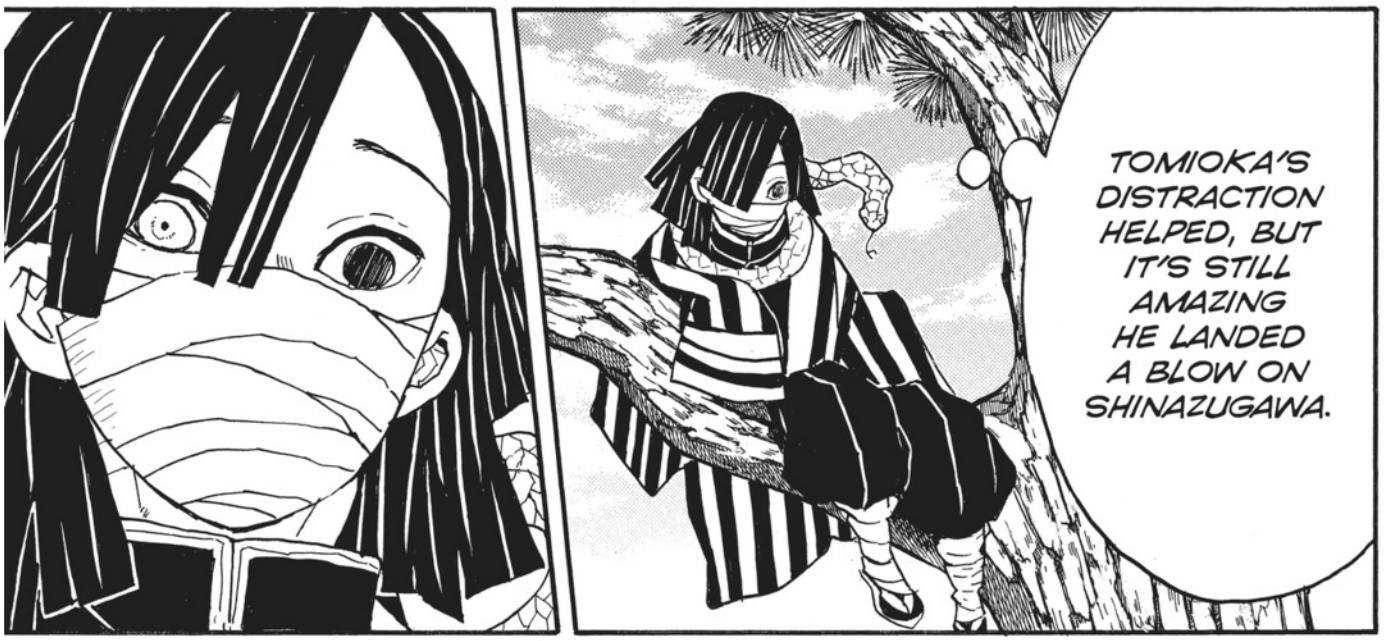
I WON'T LET ANYONE HURT MY SISTER!
I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE A HASHIRA OR WHATEVER!

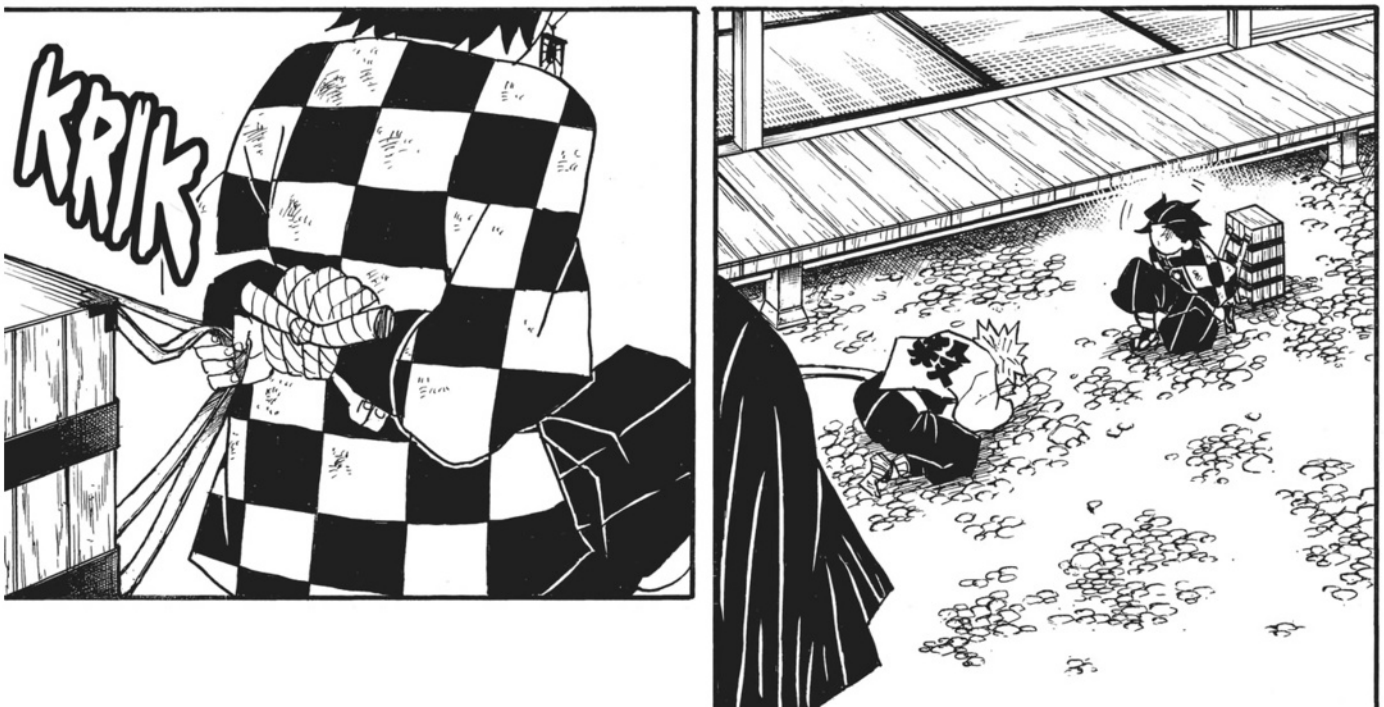
THE MASTER WILL BE HERE SOON!
STOP!
OH NO? GOOD!
HA HA HA HA!

!
JOLT
JWS

KO
NK
FWUD
...

SORRY.
BWA HA

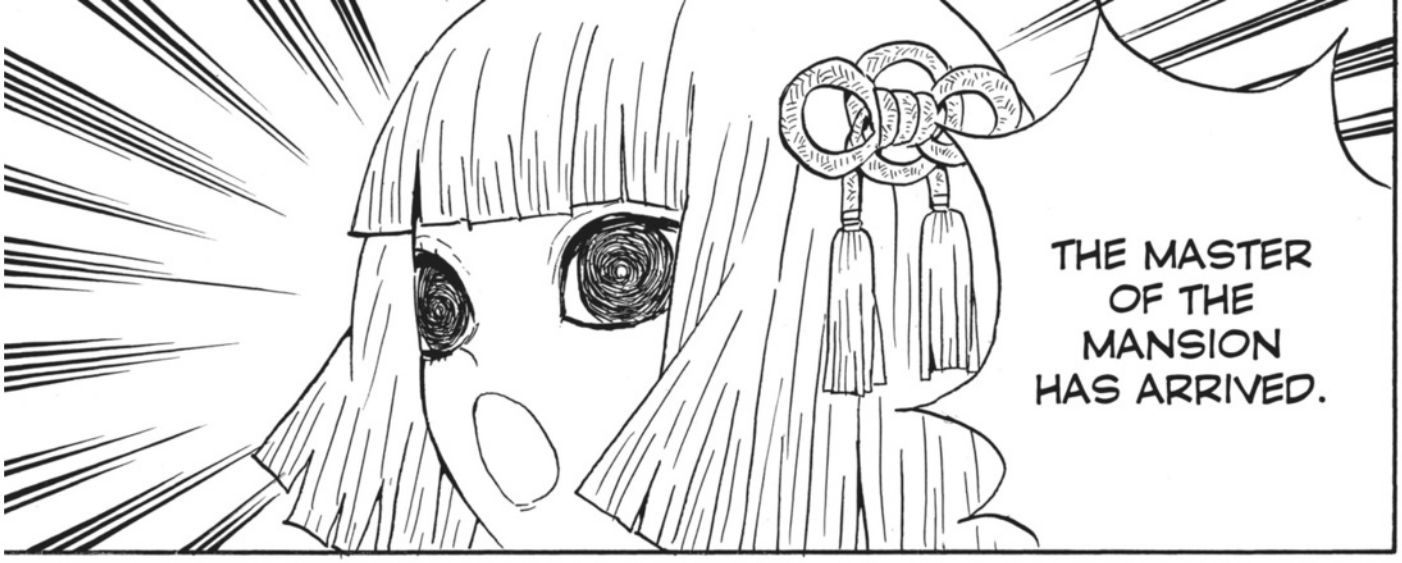

TOMIOKA'S DISTRACTION HELPED, BUT IT'S STILL AMAZING HE LANDED A BLOW ON SHINAZUGAWA.


KRIK

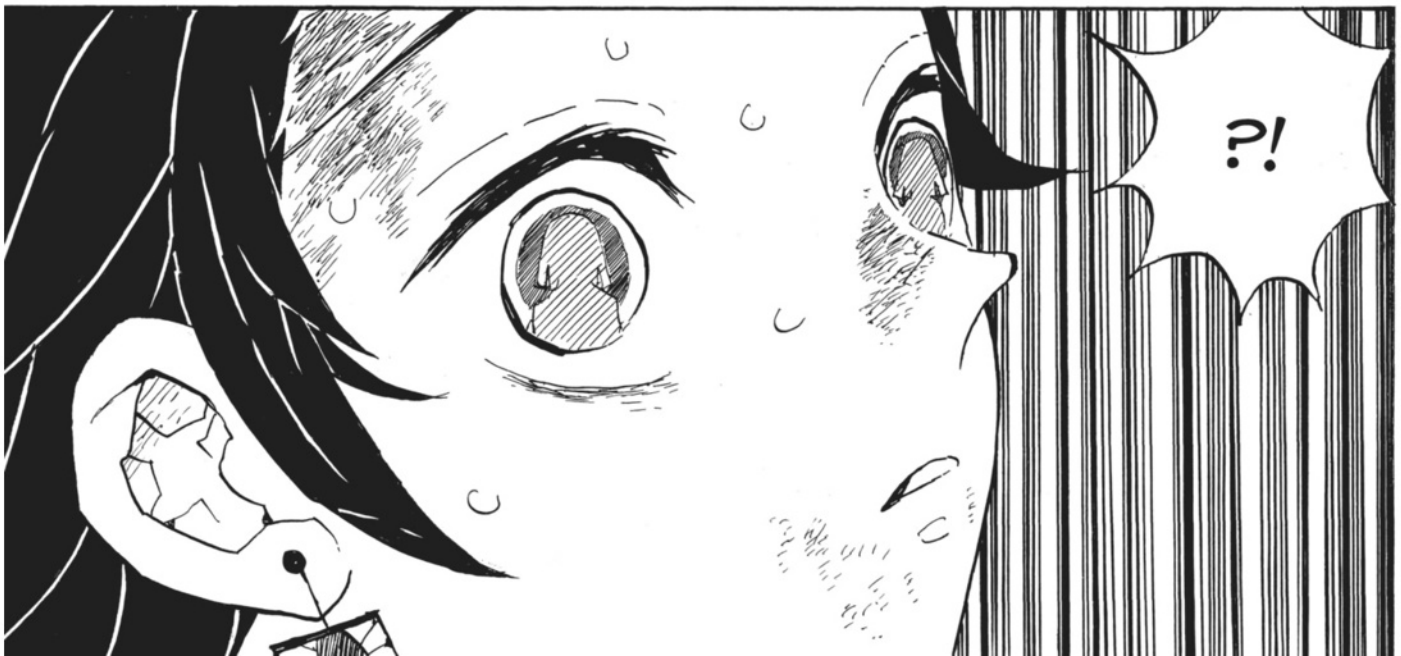
IF YOU CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GOOD DEMON AND A BAD DEMON...
...THEN YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE A HASHIRA!

YOU'RE *DEAD!*

WHY YOU...

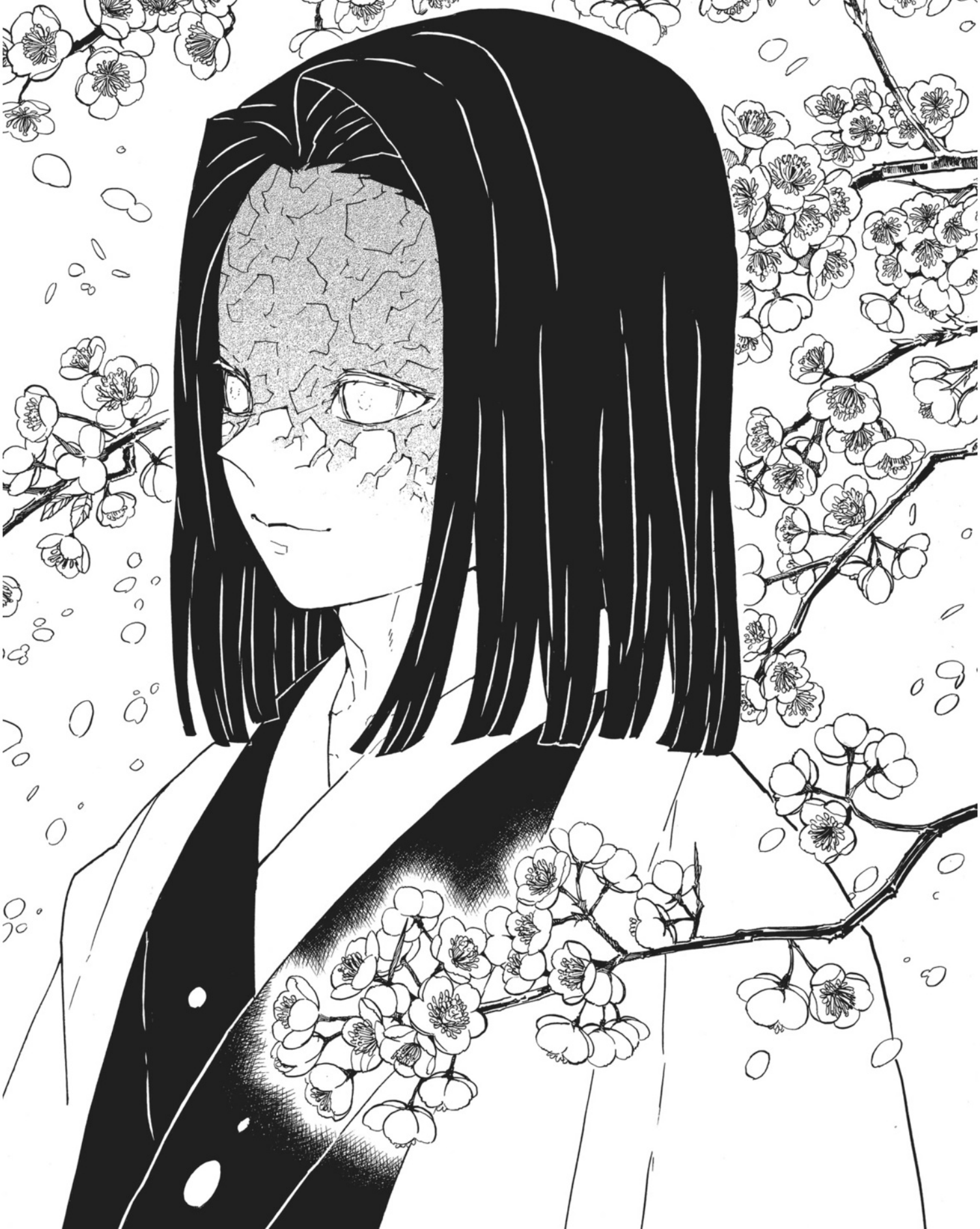

THE MASTER OF THE MANSION HAS ARRIVED.

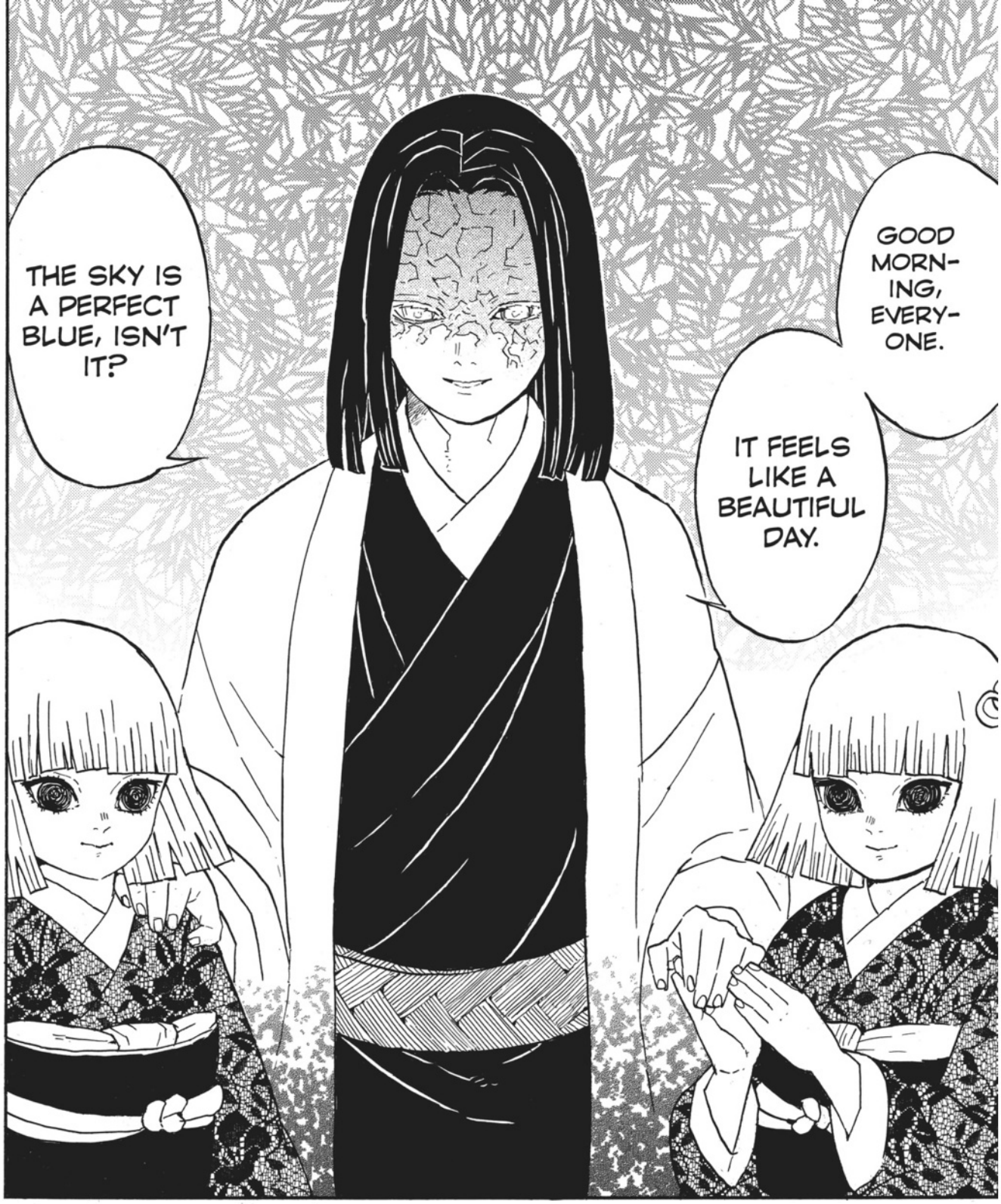
WELCOME ...
...MY DEAR DEMON SLAYERS.


?!

Taisho Whispers & Rumors
Sakura colored
Please, don't tell anyone!
Turns green about here.
I hear Mitsuri loves sakura mochi and that she ate so much that her hair changed color.
Sakura Mochi

# CHAPTER 46: MASTER OF THE MANSION

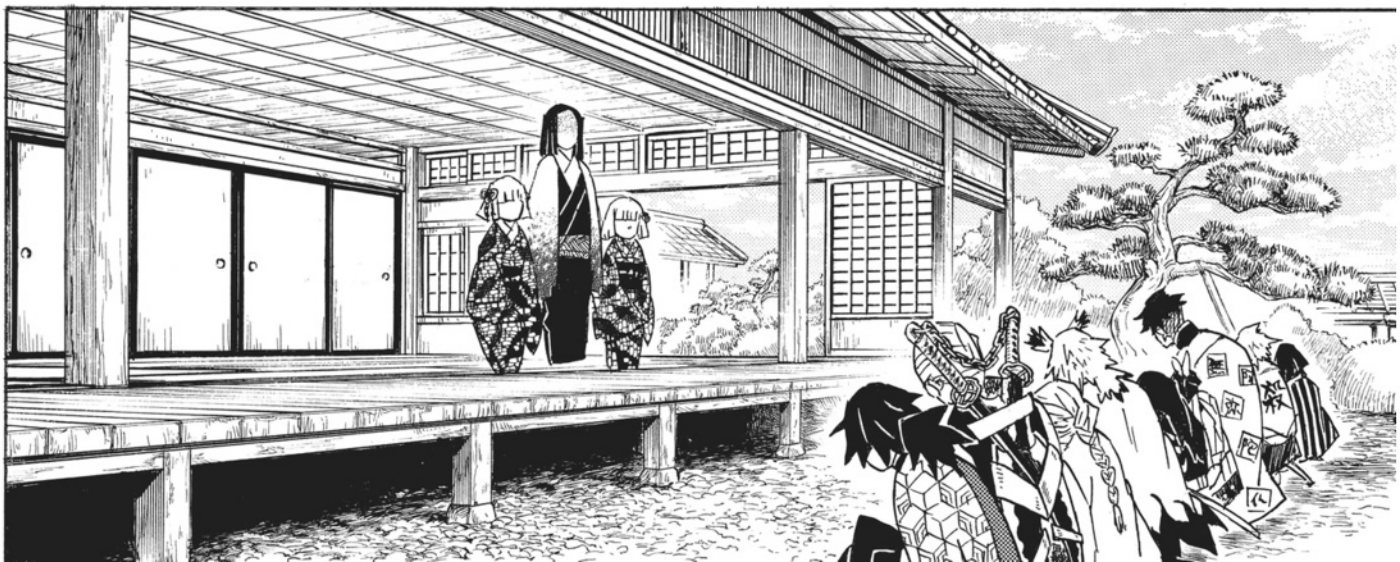



GOOD MORN-ING, EVERY-ONE.
IT FEELS LIKE A BEAUTIFUL DAY.
THE SKY IS A PERFECT BLUE, ISN'T IT?

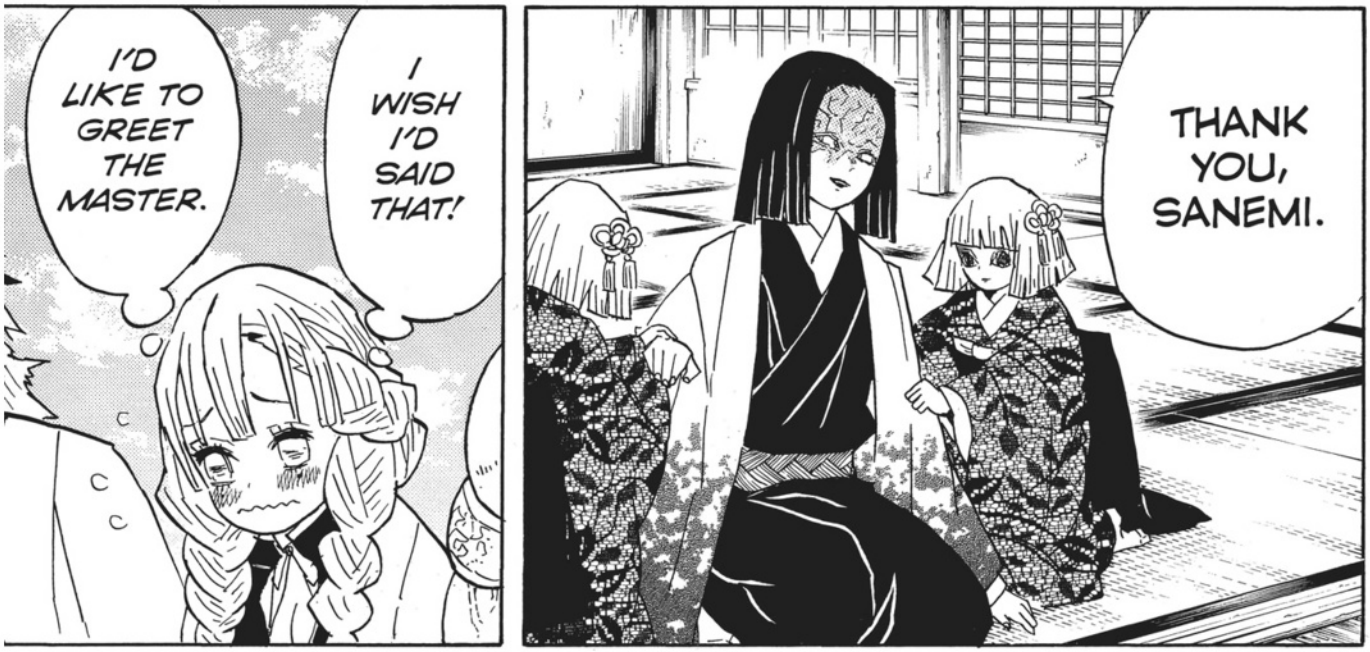
IT MAKES ME VERY HAPPY THAT WE CAN HAVE OUR TWICE-YEARLY *HASHIRA MEETING*...
...WITH-OUT ANY MEMBERS HAVING CHANGED.

ARE THOSE SCARS? NO. IS HE ILL?
IS THAT THE MASTER OF THE MANSION?
!!
THIS GUY IS FAST!
I COULDN'T REACT AT ALL!

BOW

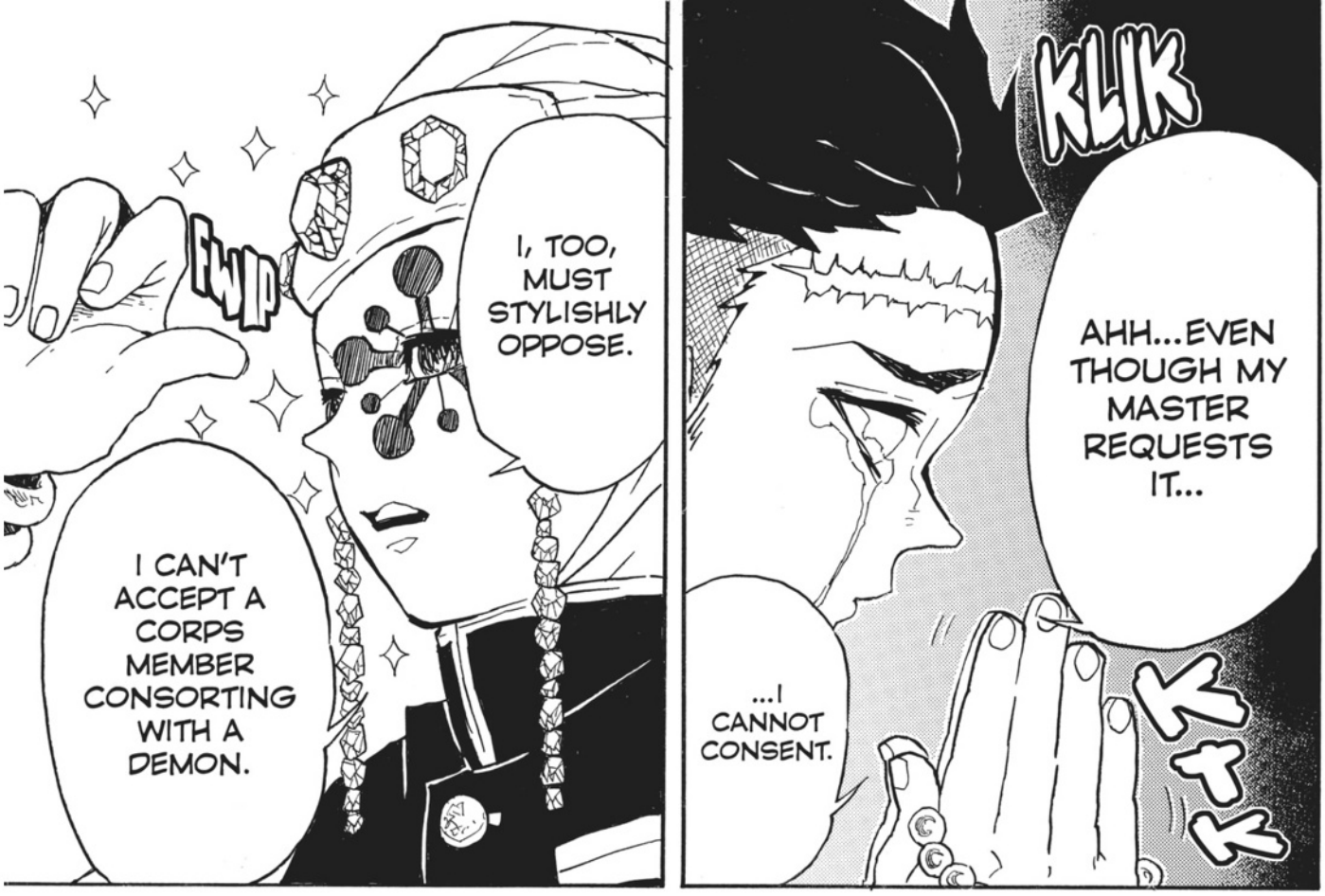


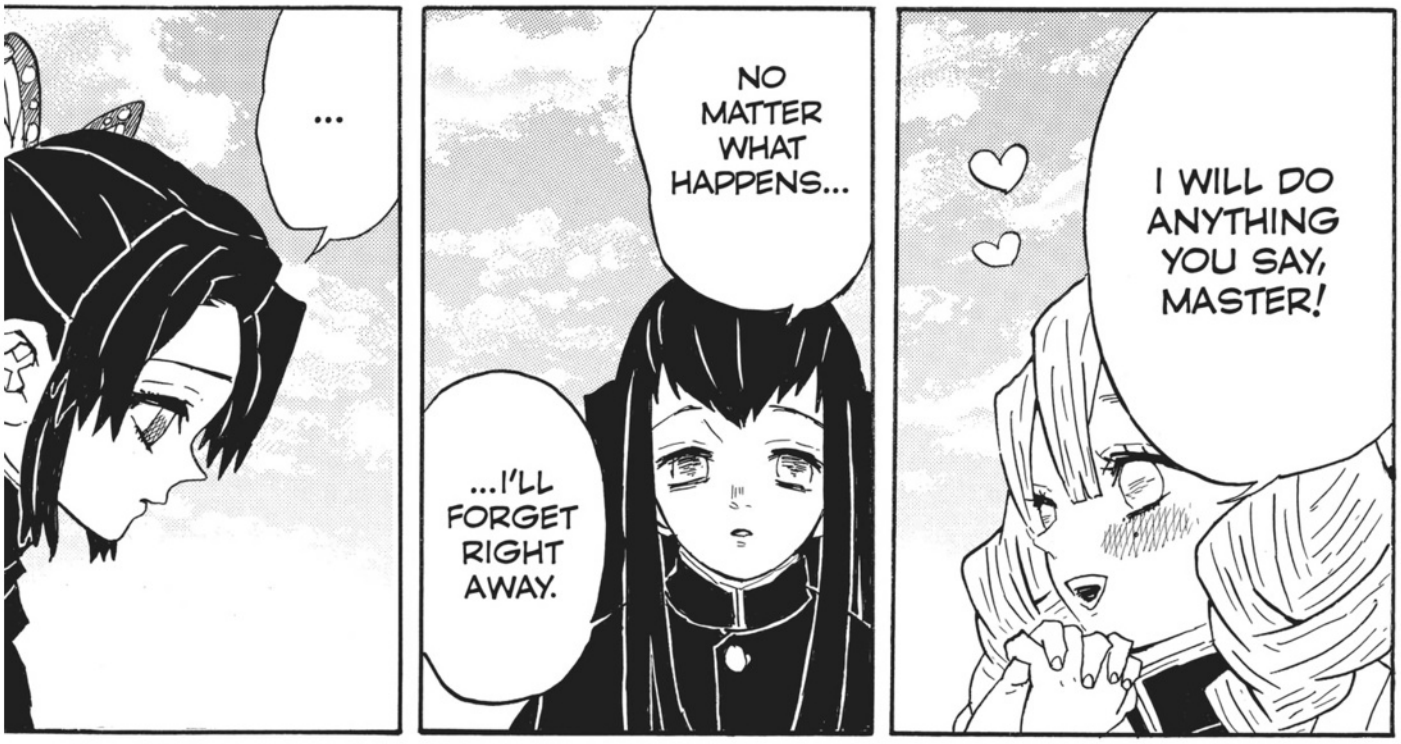
MASTER, I SINCERELY PRAY FOR YOUR INCREASED HAPPINESS.
IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU SO HEALTHY.

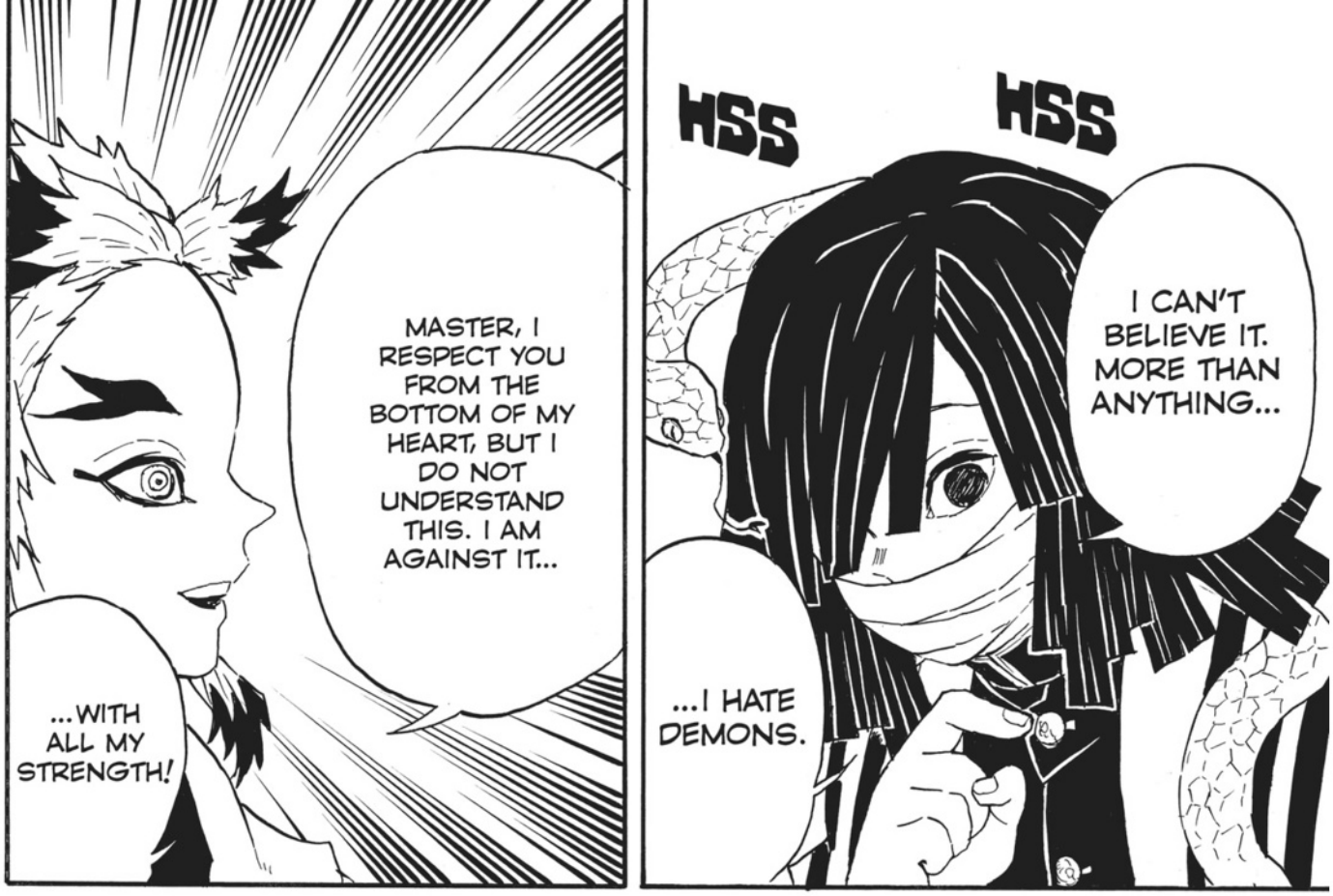

THANK YOU, SANEMI.
I WISH I'D SAID THAT!
I'D LIKE TO GREET THE MASTER.

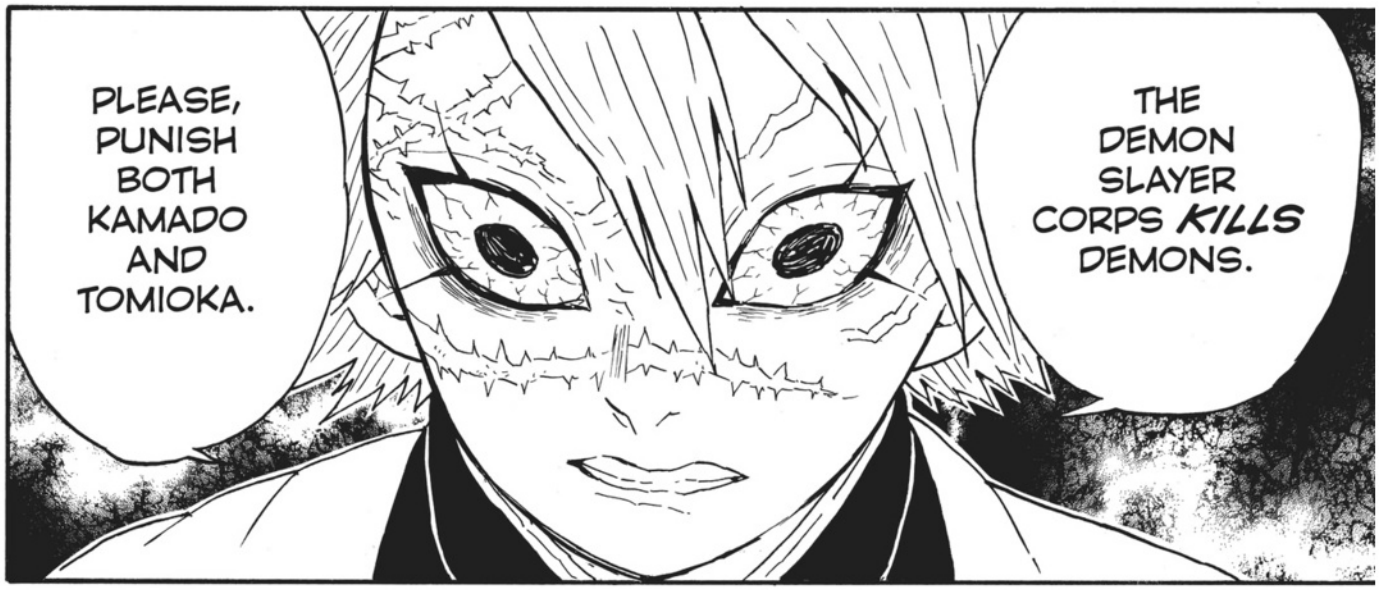
I'M SORRY, BUT...
...BEFORE THE HASHIRA MEETING, WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO TELL US...
...ABOUT THIS CORPS MEMBER WHO TRAVELS WITH A DEMON, TANJIRO KAMADO?

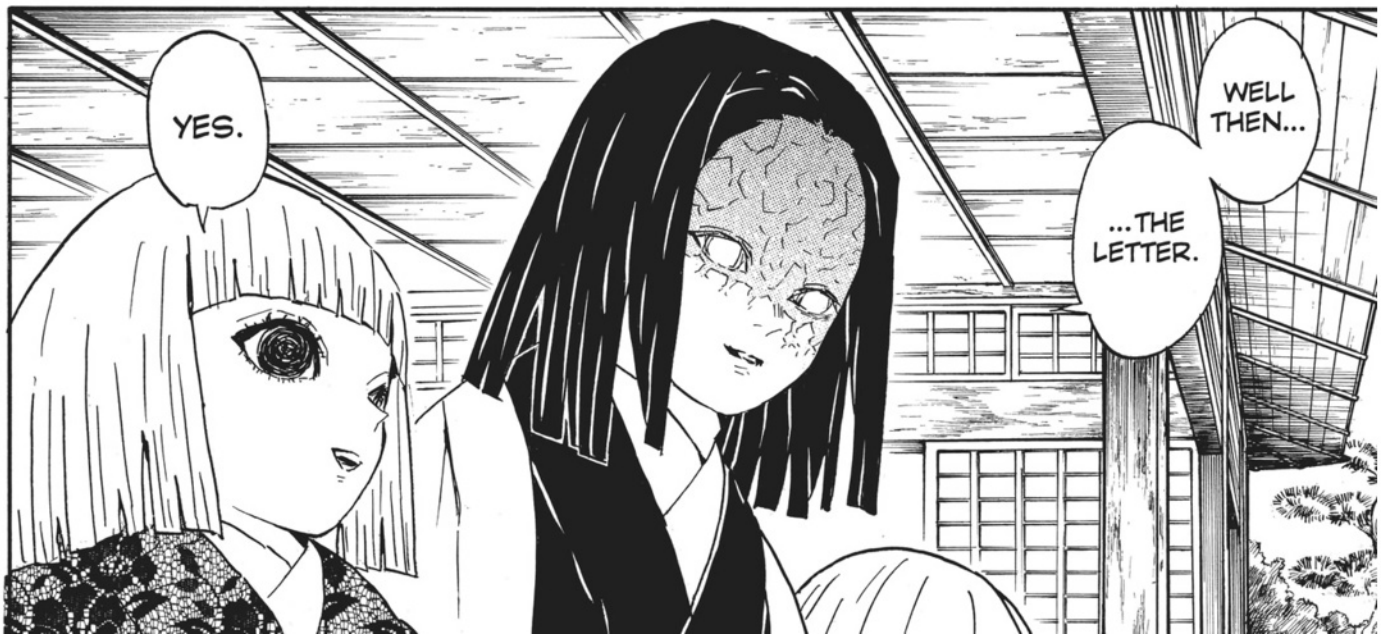
YES. MY APOLOGIES FOR SURPRISING YOU.
HE DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY MANNERS BEFORE, BUT NOW HE'S BEING INCREDIBLY POLITE!
I HAVE ACCEPTED TANJIRO AND NEZUKO.
AND I WANT EVERYONE ELSE TO DO THE SAME.
!


FWIP
I, TOO, MUST STYLISHLY OPPOSE.
I CAN'T ACCEPT A CORPS MEMBER CONSORTING WITH A DEMON.
KLIK
AHH...EVEN THOUGH MY MASTER REQUESTS IT...
...I CANNOT CONSENT.
KYU


...
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS...
...I'LL FORGET RIGHT AWAY.
I WILL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY, MASTER!


MASTER, I RESPECT YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, BUT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS. I AM AGAINST IT...
...WITH ALL MY STRENGTH!
HSS
HSS
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. MORE THAN ANYTHING...
...I HATE DEMONS.


PLEASE, PUNISH BOTH KAMADO AND TOMIOKA.
THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS *KILLS* DEMONS.

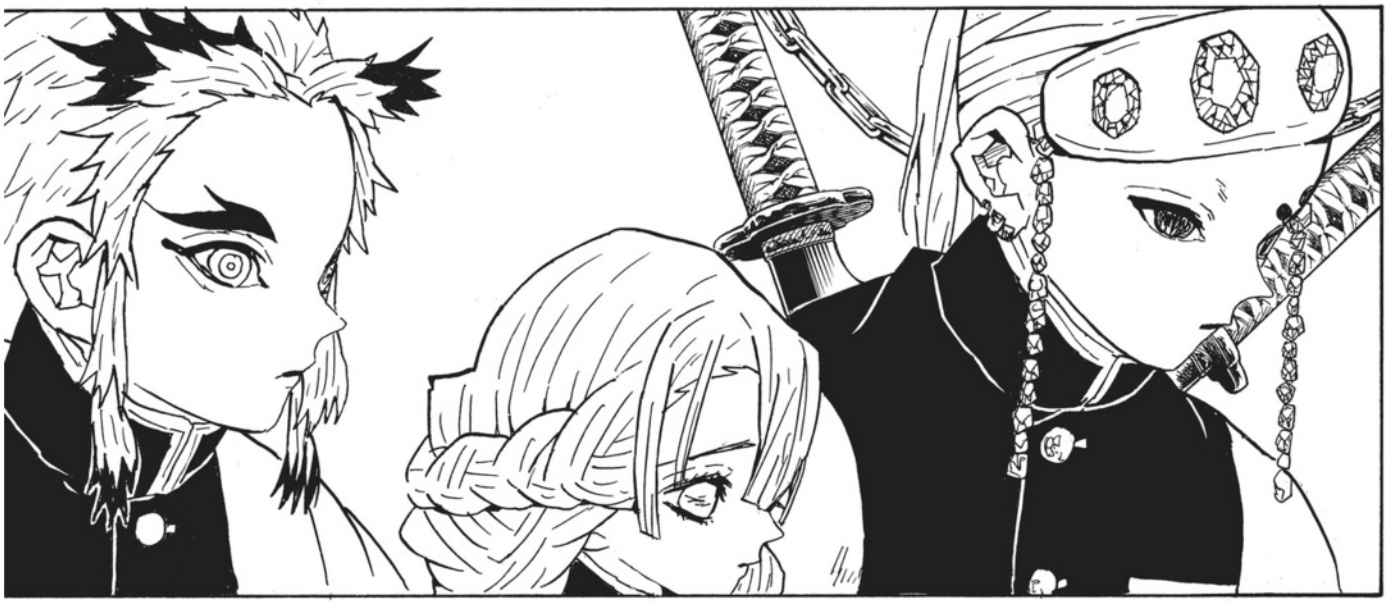

YES.
WELL THEN...
...THE LETTER.

"...PLEASE, FORGIVE TANJIRO FOR BEING WITH HIS SISTER WHO IS A DEMON."
THIS LETTER ARRIVED FROM FORMER HASHIRA SAKONJI UROKODAKI.
I WILL READ A PORTION OF IT.

"SHE HAS PERSISTED IN THIS WAY FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS."
EVEN WHEN STARVING, SHE REFUSES TO EAT PEOPLE."
"THROUGH STRONG SPIRITUAL STRENGTH, NEZUKO MAINTAINS HER HUMAN REASON.

...TOGETHER WITH TANJIRO KAMADO..."
"SHOULD NEZUKO EVER ATTACK SOMEONE...
"IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND, BUT IT IS UNDENIABLY THE TRUTH."

"...I, SAKONJI UROKODAKI, AND GIYU TOMIOKA WILL MAKE AMENDS BY SLICING OPEN OUR STOMACHS."



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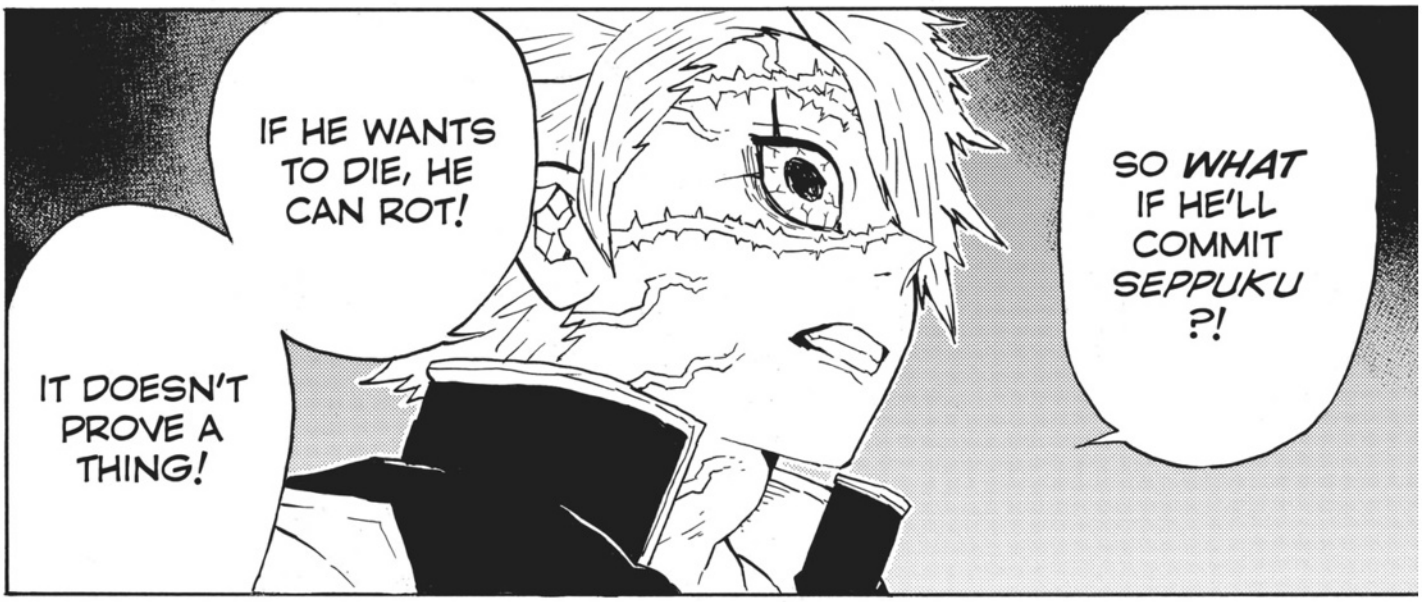
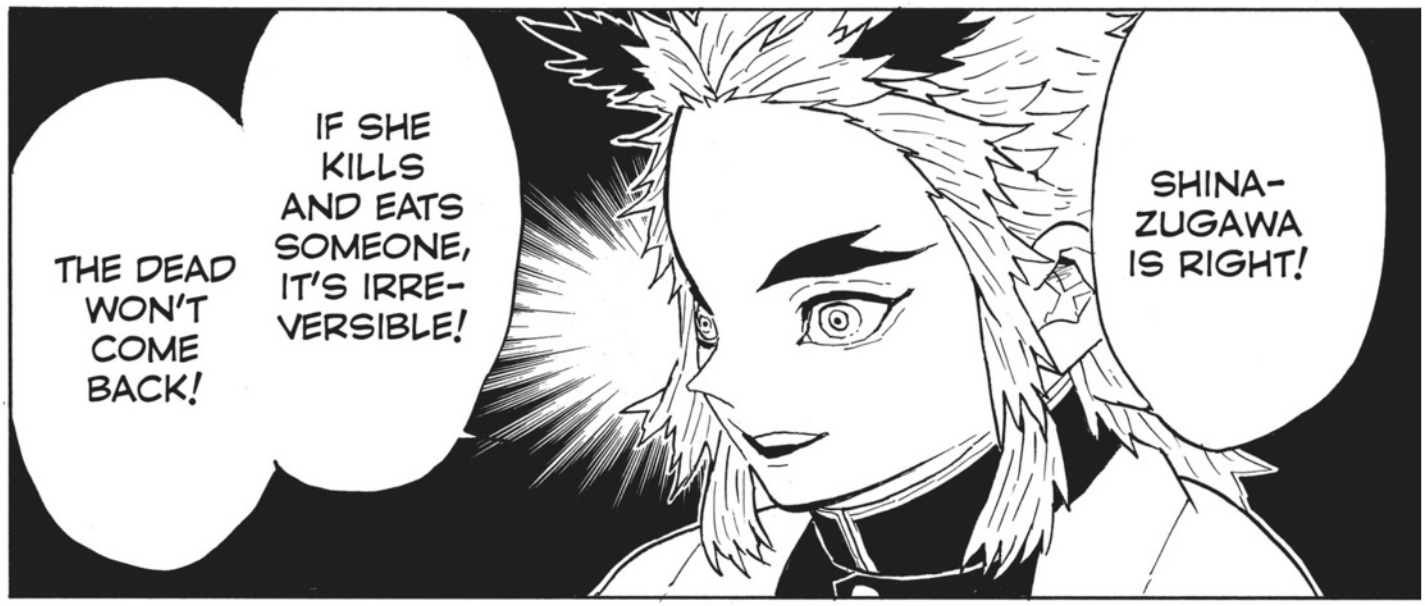
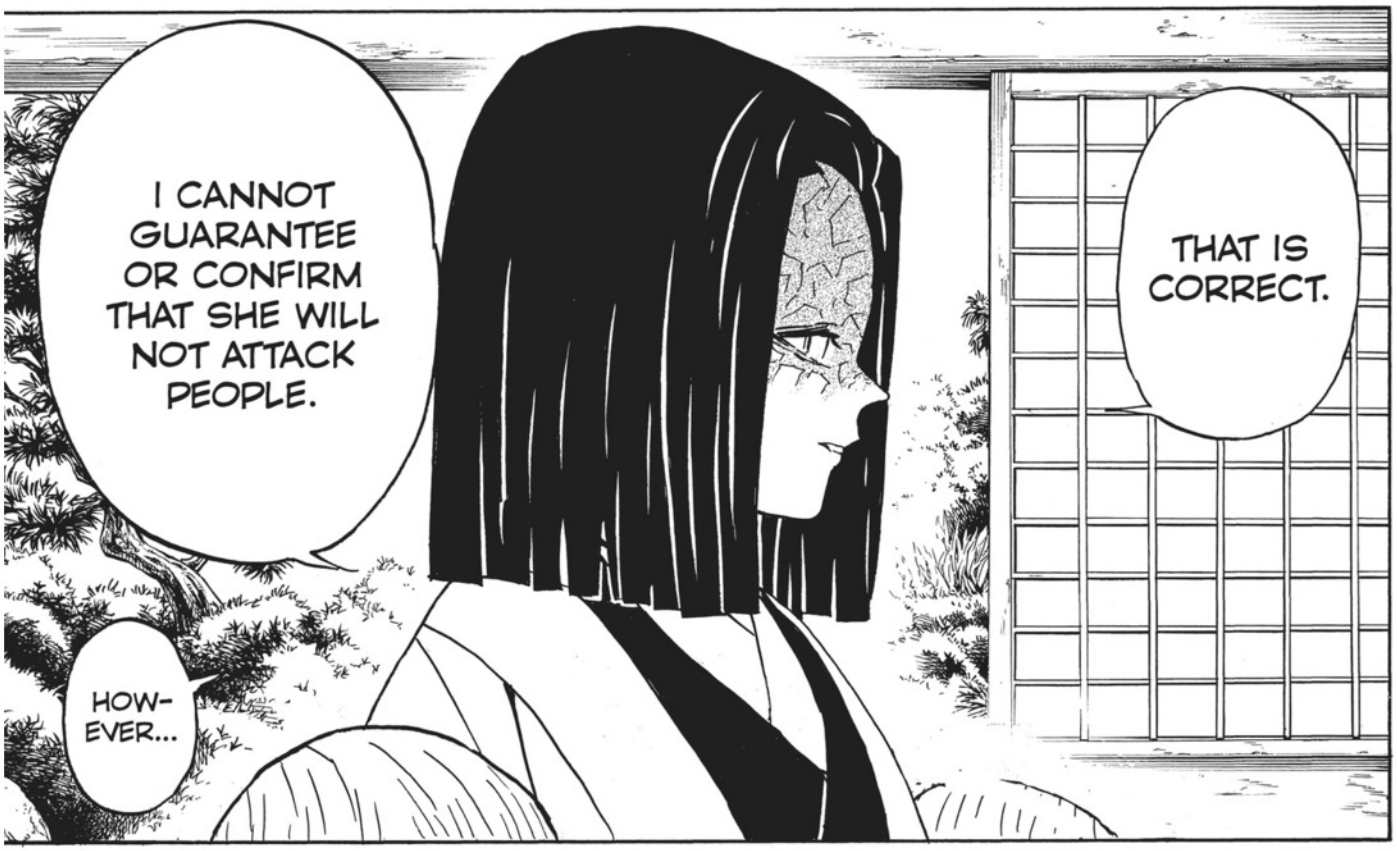
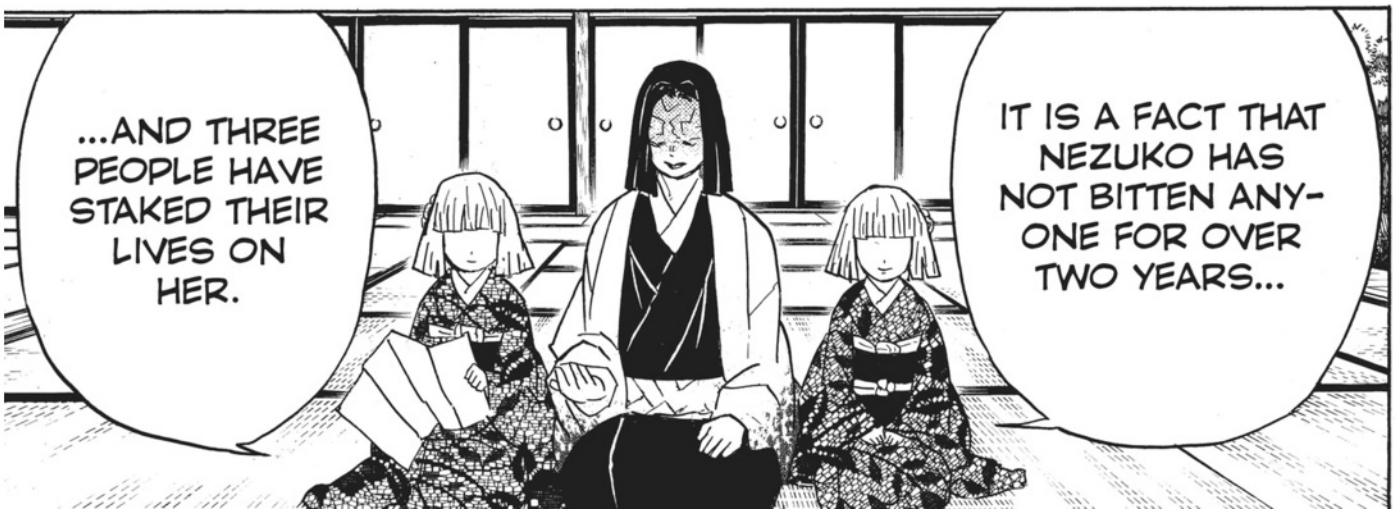

SO *WHAT* IF HE'LL COMMIT *SEPPUKU* ?!
IF HE WANTS TO DIE, HE CAN ROT!
IT DOESN'T PROVE A THING!

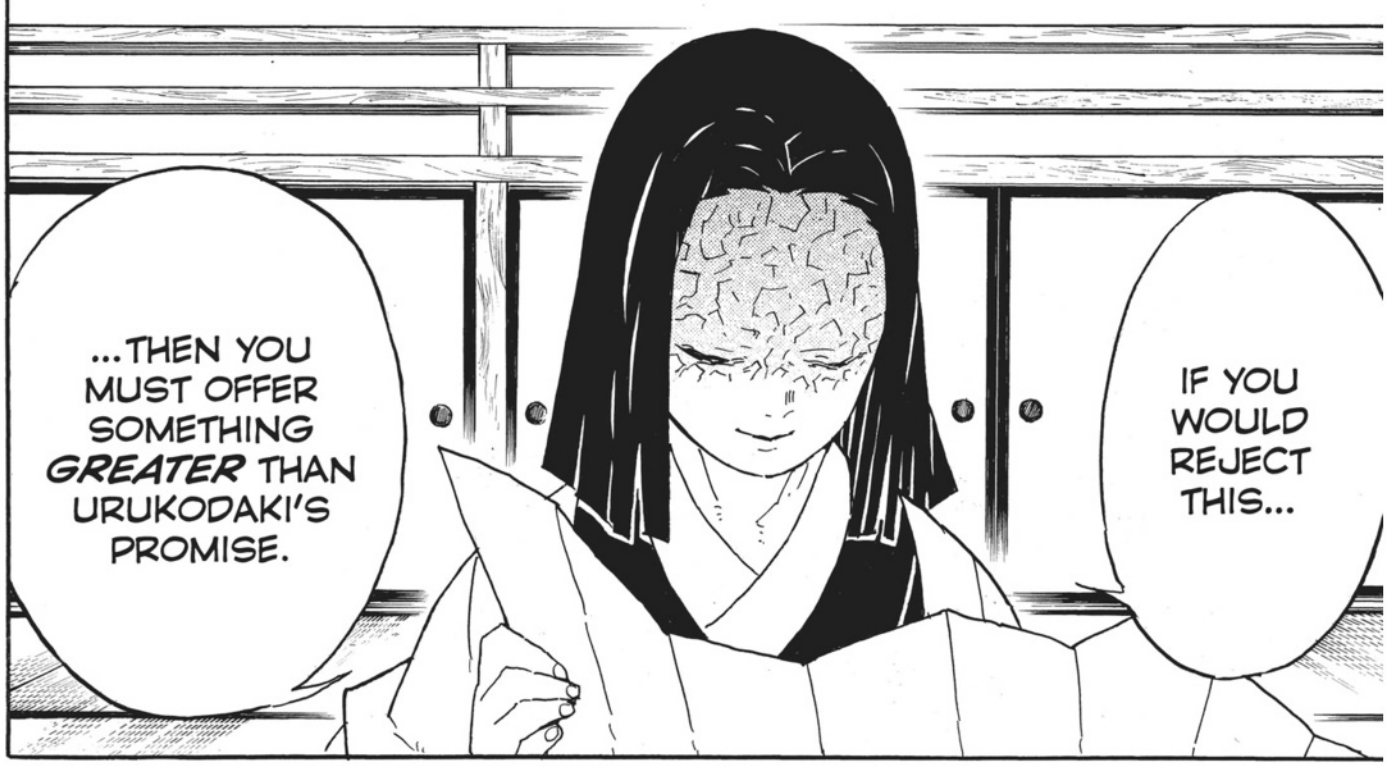

SHINA-ZUGAWA IS RIGHT!
IF SHE KILLS AND EATS SOMEONE, IT'S IRRE-VERSIBLE!
THE DEAD WON'T COME BACK!

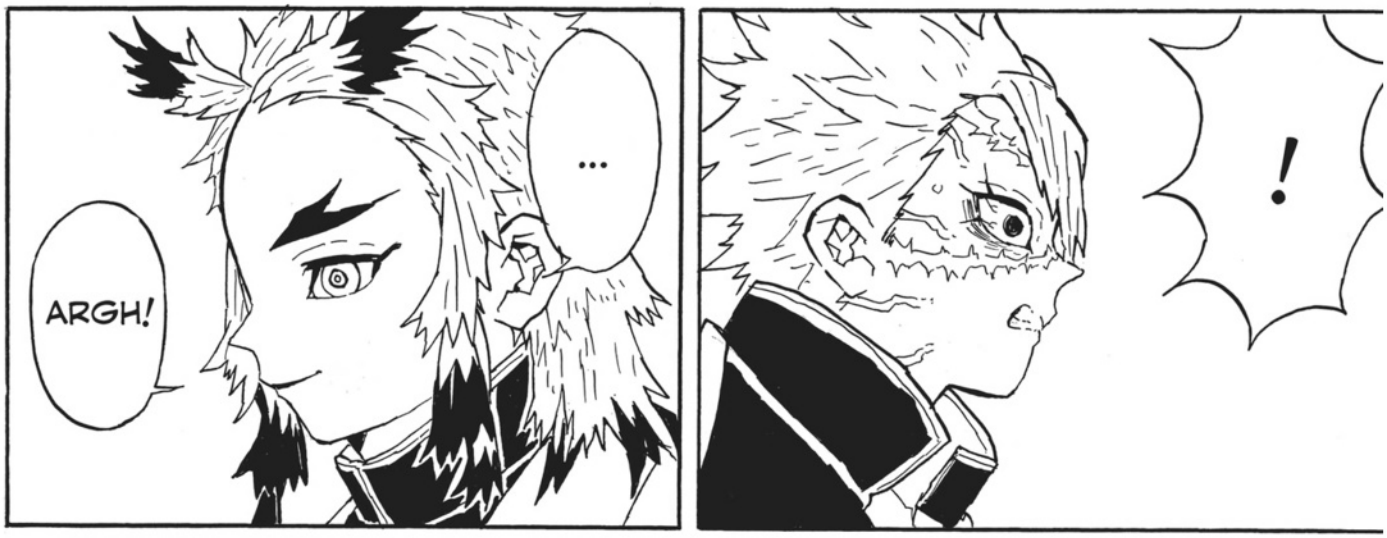

I CANNOT GUARANTEE OR CONFIRM THAT SHE WILL NOT ATTACK PEOPLE.
THAT IS CORRECT.
HOW-EVER...

!

...YOU CANNOT PROVE THAT SHE *WILL* ATTACK PEOPLE.

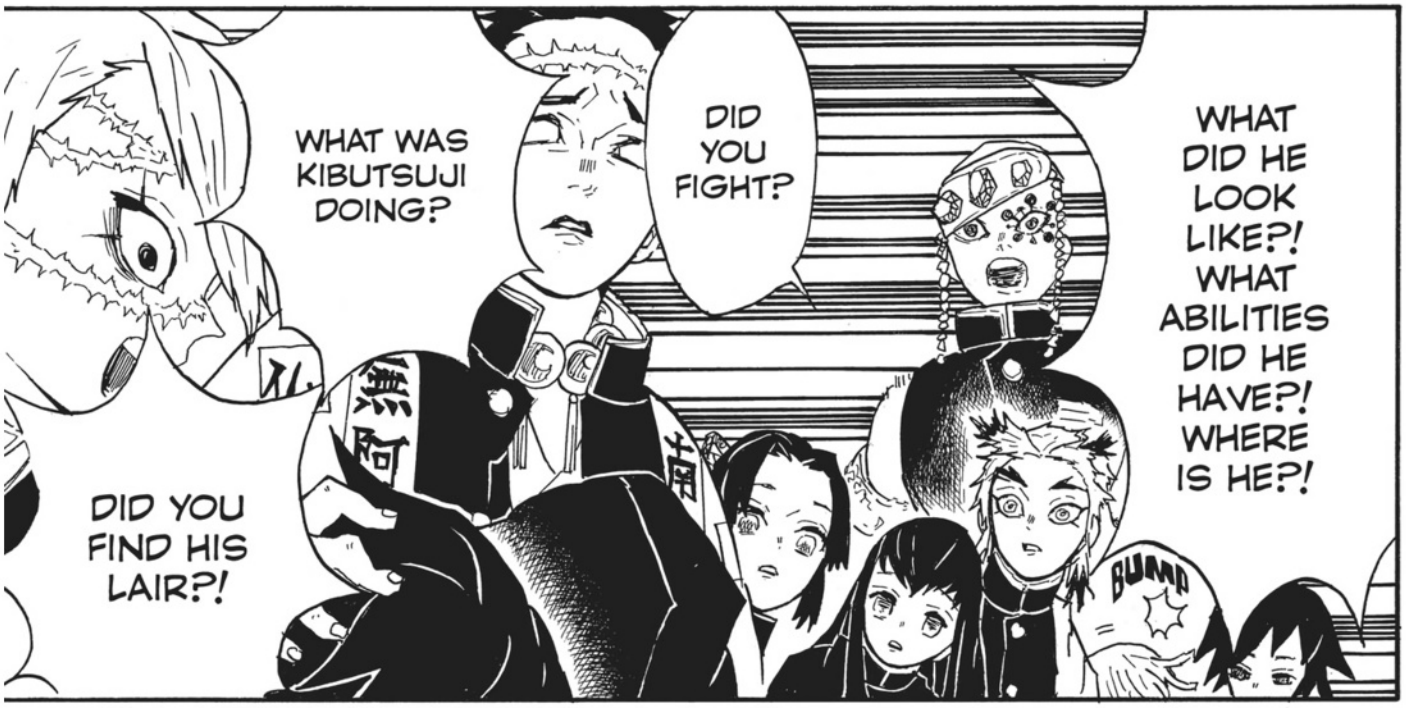

...AND THREE PEOPLE HAVE STAKED THEIR LIVES ON HER.
IT IS A FACT THAT NEZUKO HAS NOT BITTEN ANY-ONE FOR OVER TWO YEARS...


IF YOU WOULD REJECT THIS...
...THEN YOU MUST OFFER SOMETHING *GREATER* THAN URUKODAKI'S PROMISE.


!
...
ARGH!

FURTHER-MORE, TANJIRO HAS CROSSED PATHS WITH KIBUTSUJI.

ARE YOU SAYING THAT THOUGH NO MEMBER OF THE HASHIRA HAS EVER FACED HIM...
NO WAY!
?!
...THIS KID HAS?!


WHAT WAS KIBUTSUJI DOING?
DID YOU FIGHT?
WHAT DID HE LOOK LIKE?! WHAT ABILITIES DID HE HAVE?! WHERE IS HE?!
DID YOU FIND HIS LAIR?!
BUMP

SHUT UP! I ASKED FIRST!

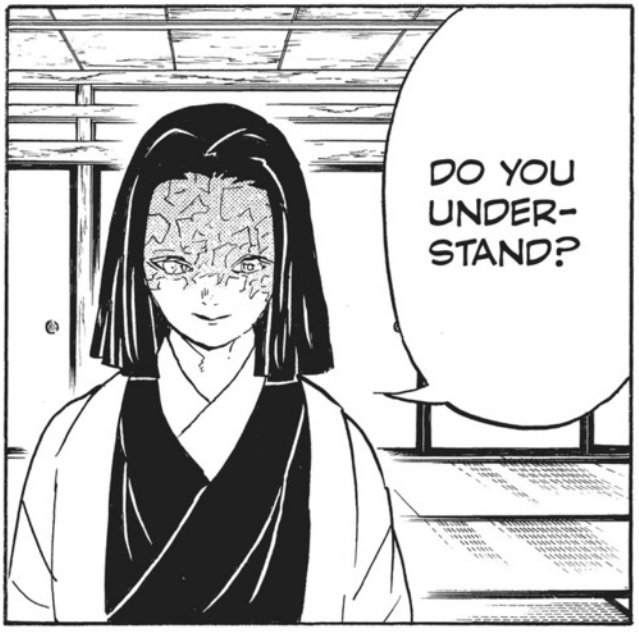
TWIST
TWIST
...
HEY! ANSWER ME!

SHHH
START WITH KIBUTSUJI'S ABILITIES, AND THEN...
FWP

KIBUTSUJI HAS SENT HIS FORCES AFTER TANJIRO.
HE MAY MERELY WISH TO SILENCE HIM, BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME...
...KIBUTSUJI HAS SHOWN HIS TAIL AND WE HAVE GRABBED IT. I DON'T WANT TO LET GO.

AND IT'S POSSIBLE KIBUTSUJI...
...
...MAY HAVE SEEN SOMETHING UNEXPECTED IN NEZUKO AS WELL.

...
...


DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

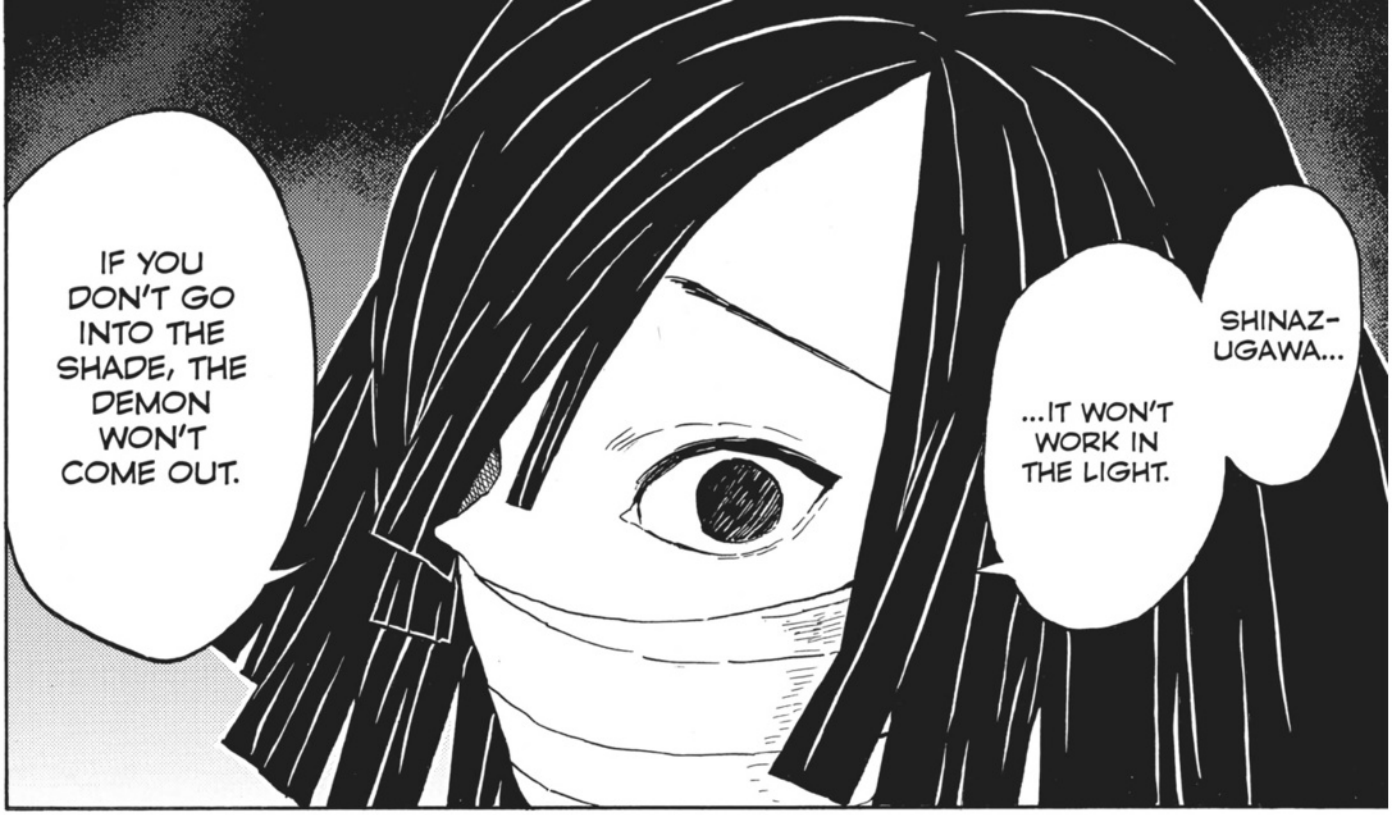
LETTING A HUMAN LIVE IS ONE THING, BUT NOT A DEMON. I CANNOT AGREE. THERE IS NOTHING NORMAL ABOUT IT.
NO, MASTER, I DO NOT UNDER-STAND!
GRND
GNAH
GRND

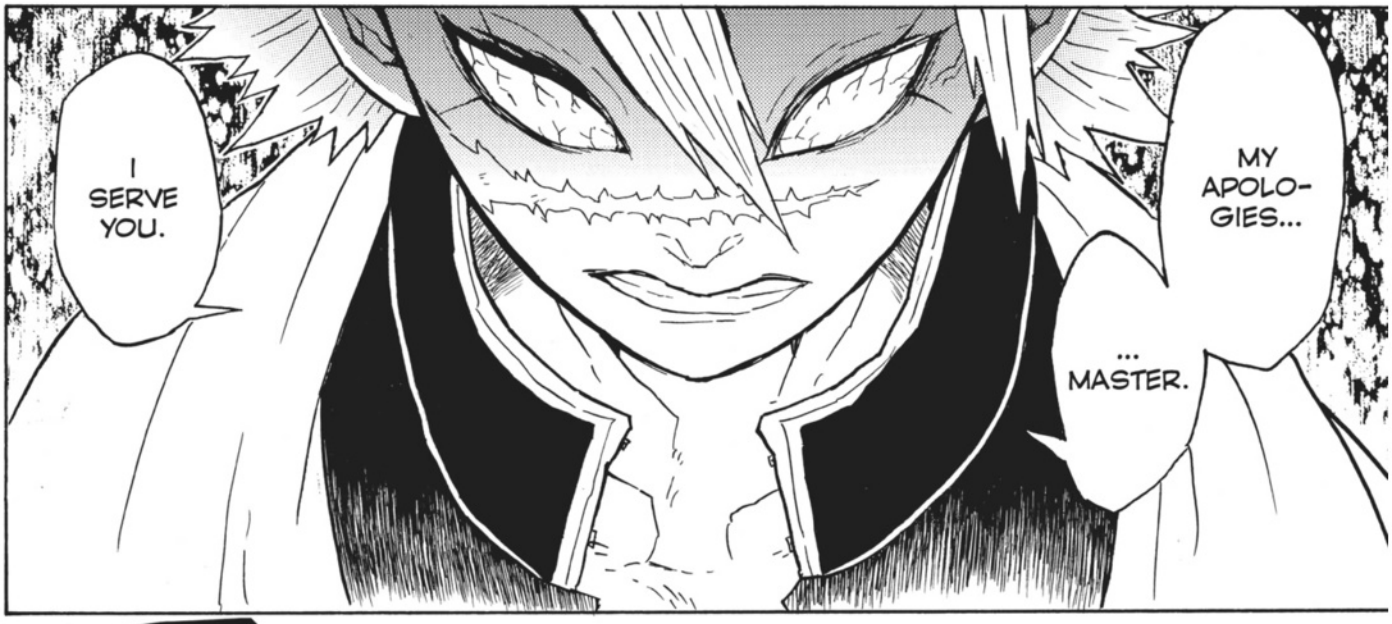
HE'LL MESS UP THE YARD!
HUH? WHAT'S HE DOING?!
?!

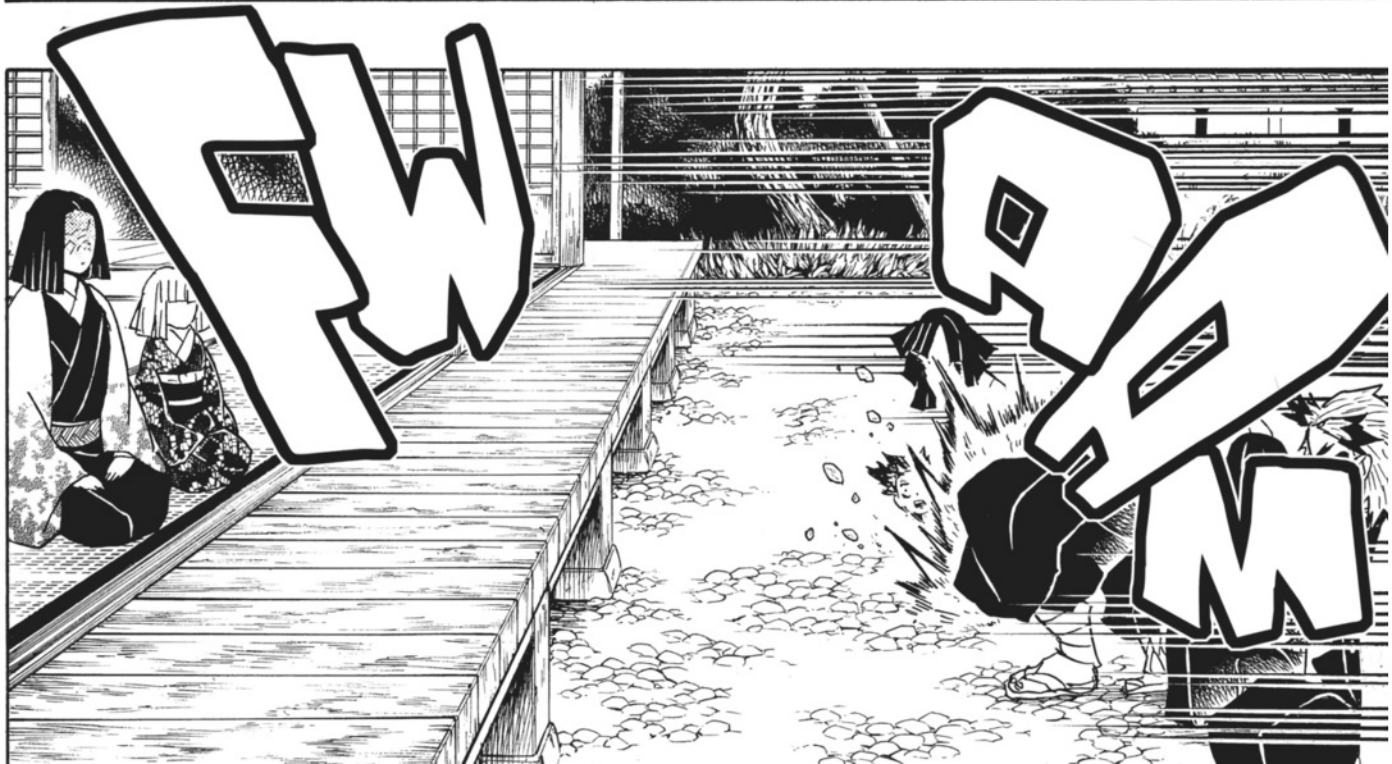
I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU!
MASTER! DEMONS ARE UGLY AND UNTRUST-WORTHY!

HEY, DEMON! TIME TO EAT! COME TAKE A BITE!
SANEMI ...
!
DRIP
PLOP
DRIP
DRIP

# CHAPTER 47: HMPH!


SHINAZ-
UGAWA...
...IT WON'T
WORK IN
THE LIGHT.
IF YOU
DON'T GO
INTO THE
SHADE, THE
DEMON
WON'T
COME OUT.


MY
APOLO-
GIES...
...
MASTER.
I
SERVE
YOU.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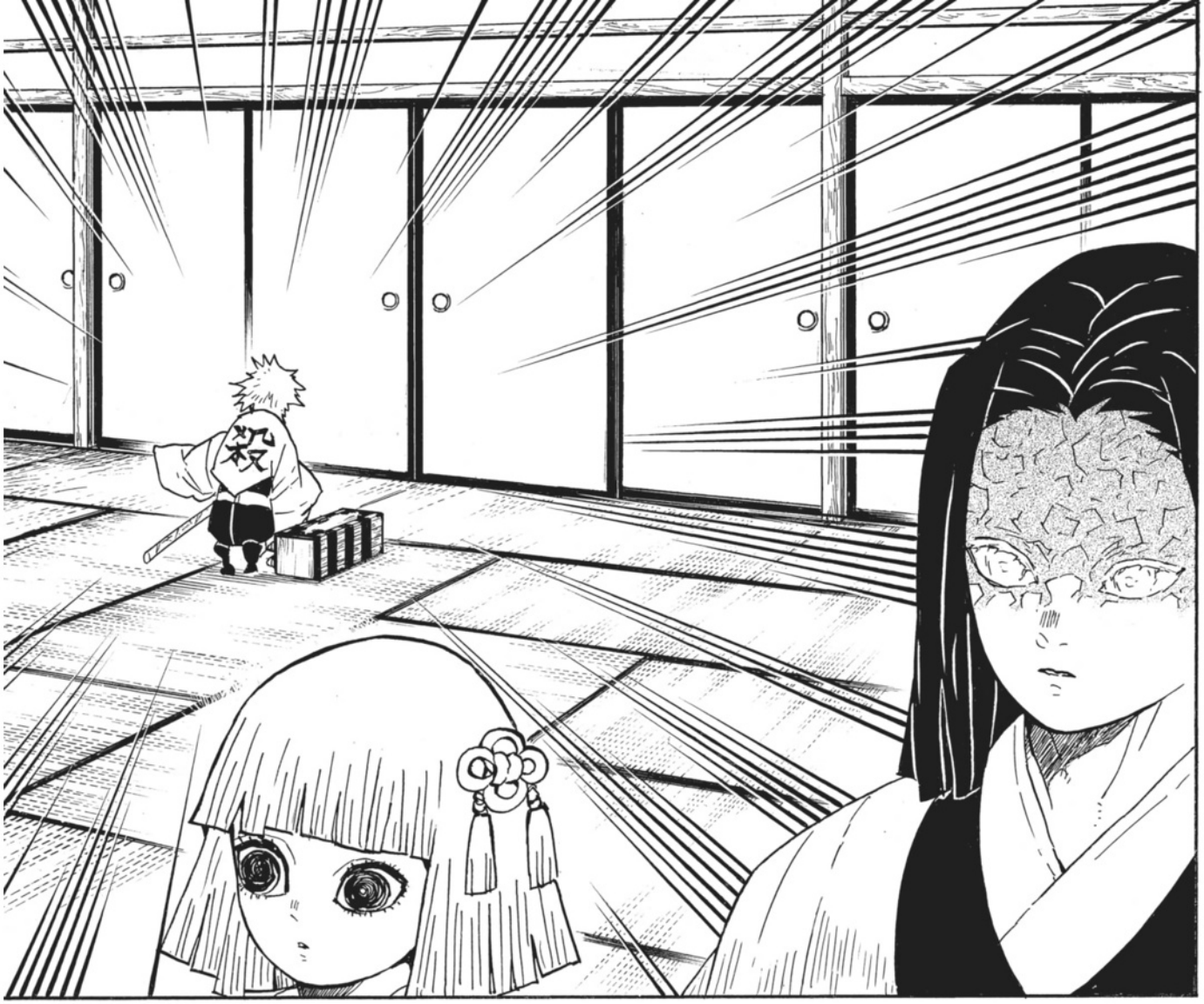
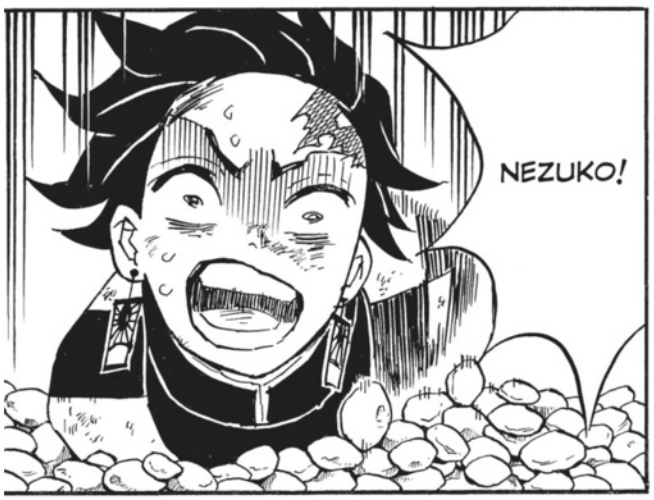
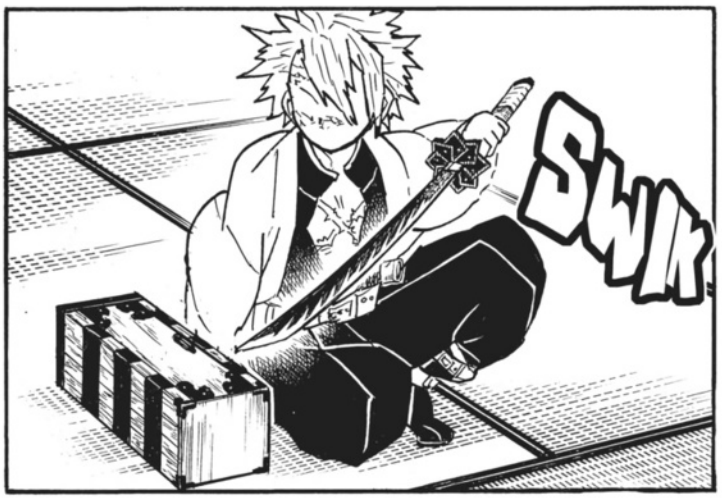
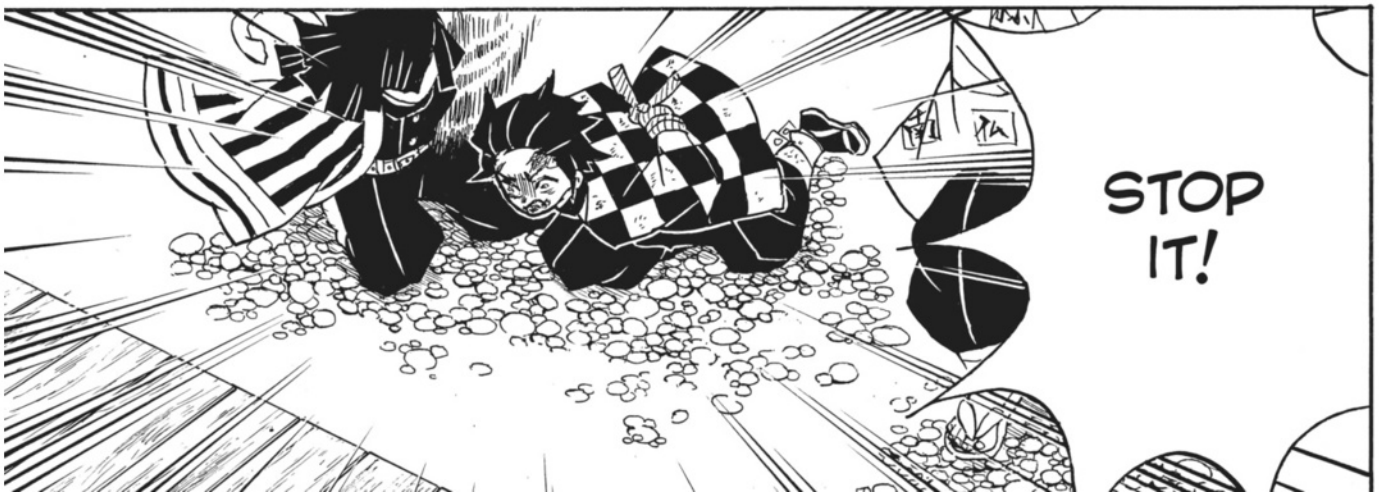



NEZUKO!


SWIK


STOP
IT!

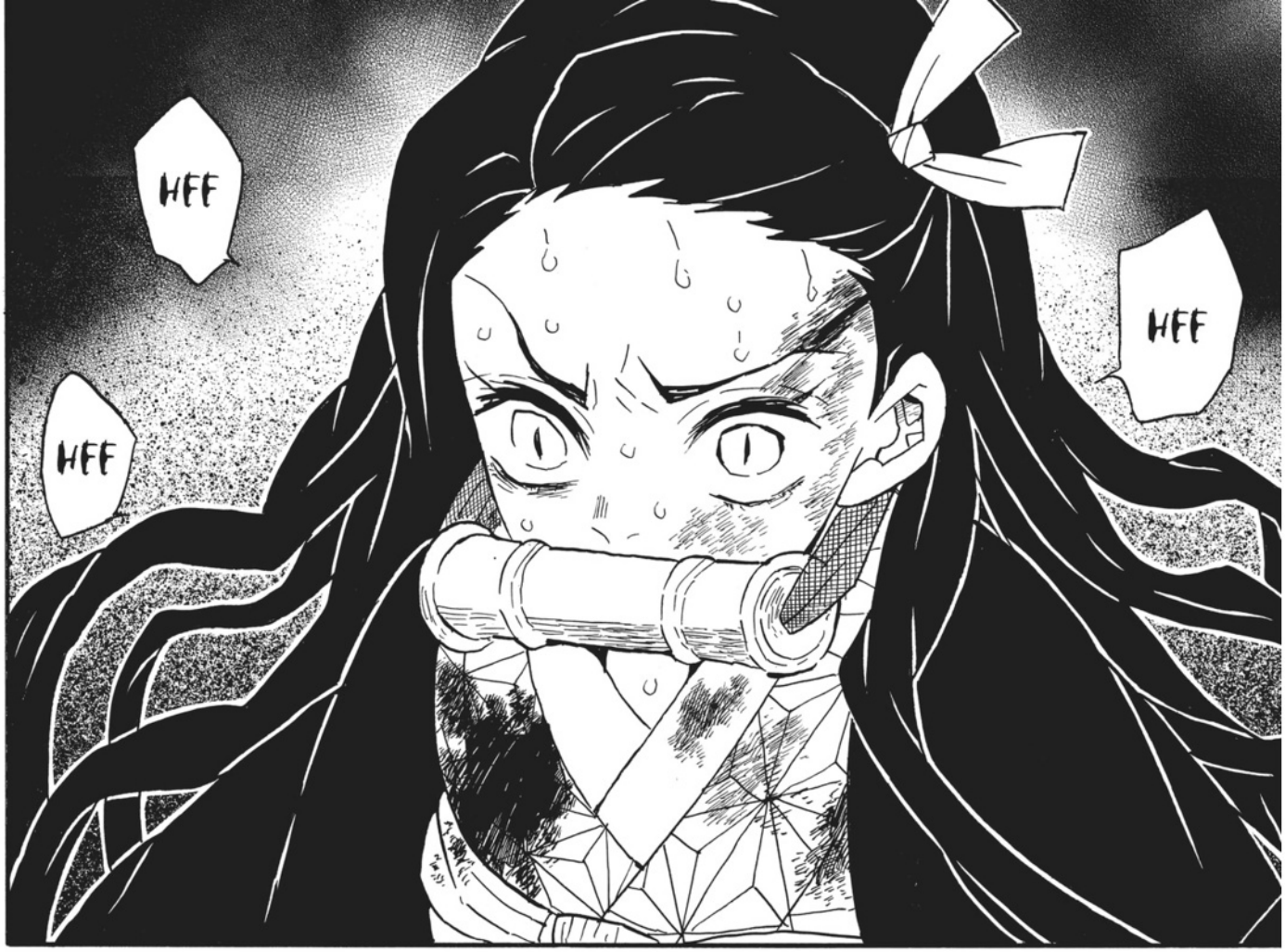
WH
MP

GASP
GASP

AGH!

C-CAN'T BREATHE...
C-CAN'T MOVE!

COME OUT, DEMON!
I'VE GOT THE HUMAN BLOOD YOU CRAVE!
NEZUKO!
NEZUKO...
...!
...!
SNAP
FWOO
...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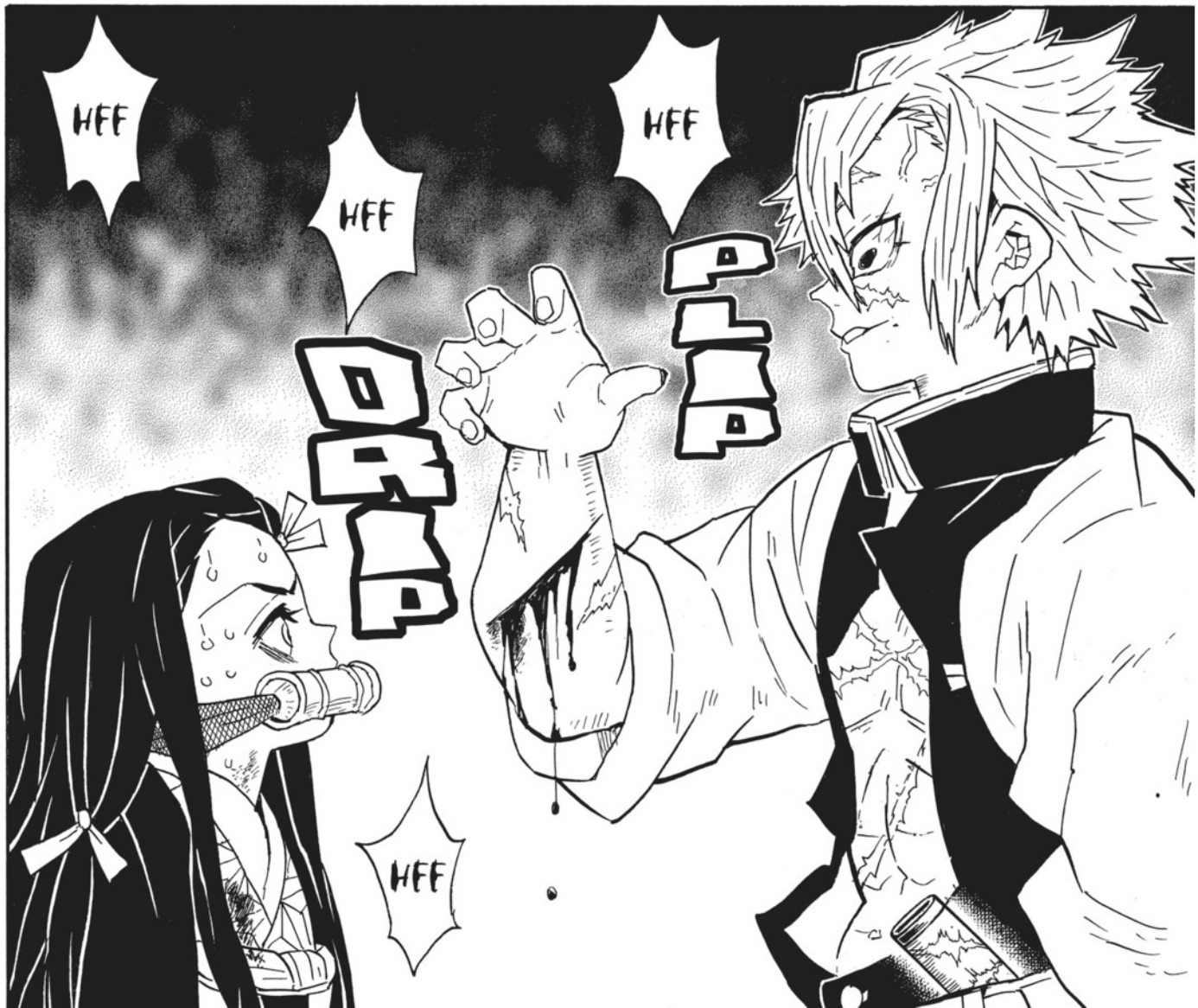
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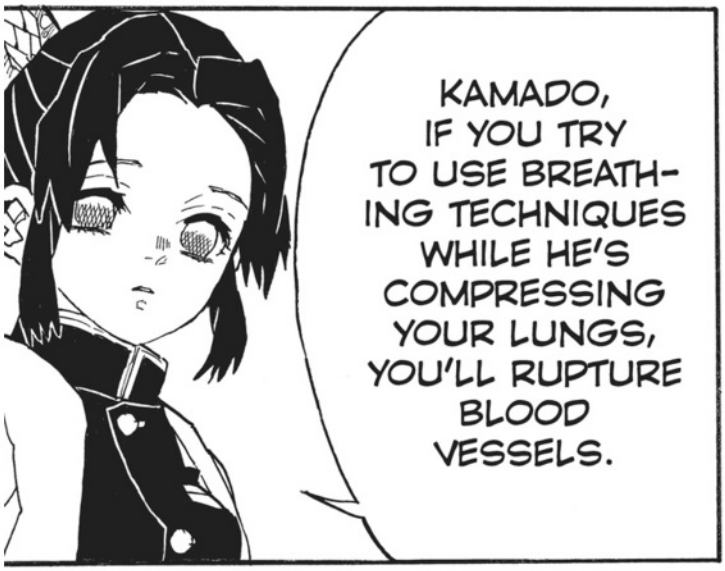
DRIP
DRIP

PLEASE, EASE UP A LITTLE.
IGURO, YOU'RE PUSHING HIM DOWN TOO HARD.


KAMADO, IF YOU TRY TO USE BREATH-ING TECHNIQUES WHILE HE'S COMPRESSING YOUR LUNGS, YOU'LL RUPTURE BLOOD VESSELS.

SLASH
NGH
KACH
BUT HE KEEPS TRYING TO BREAK FREE, Y'KNOW?

URRR...
HNGH...
HNGH...
UGH!!

THAT SOUNDS COOL! GOOD! DO IT! RUPTURE 'EM!
YAY
RUPTURE BLOOD VESSELS ?!

NAMU AMIDA BUTSU...
POOR, WEAK, PITIFUL CHILD...
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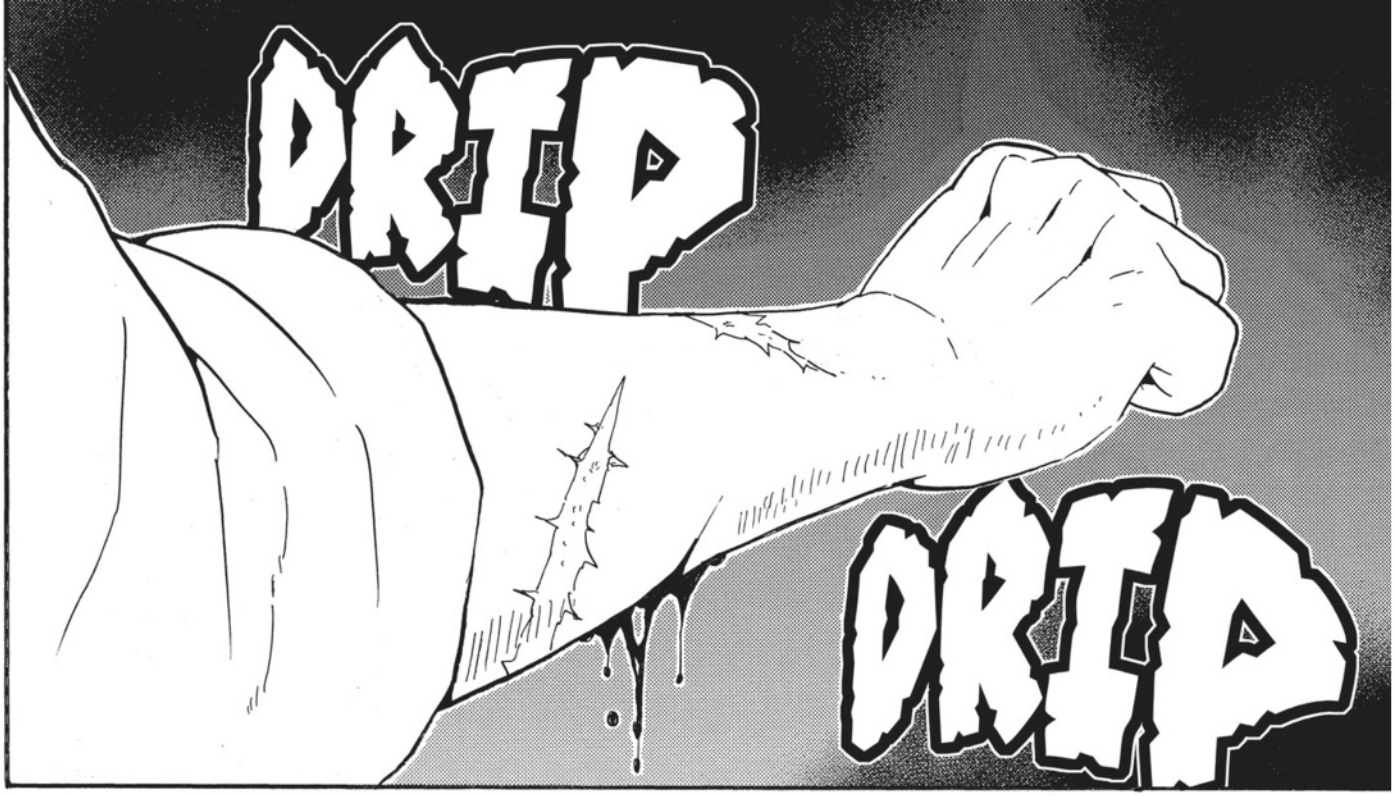
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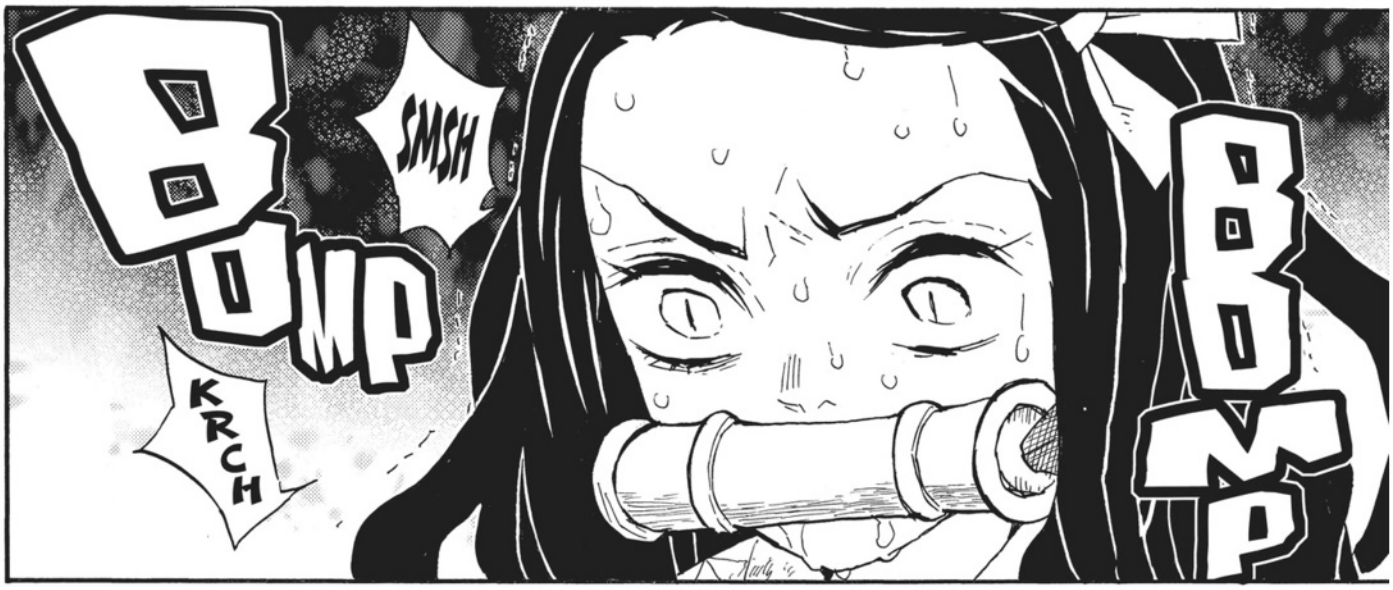
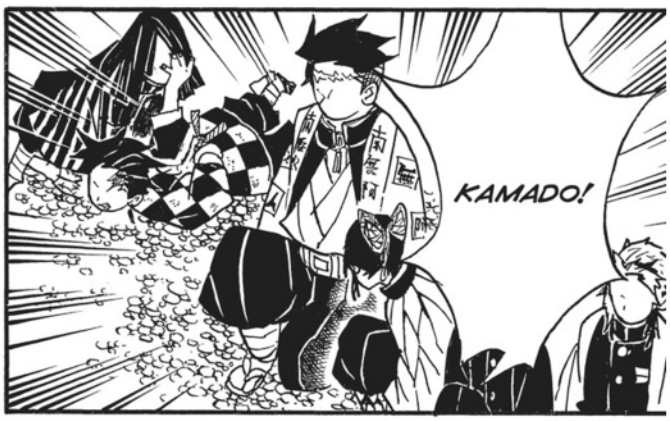
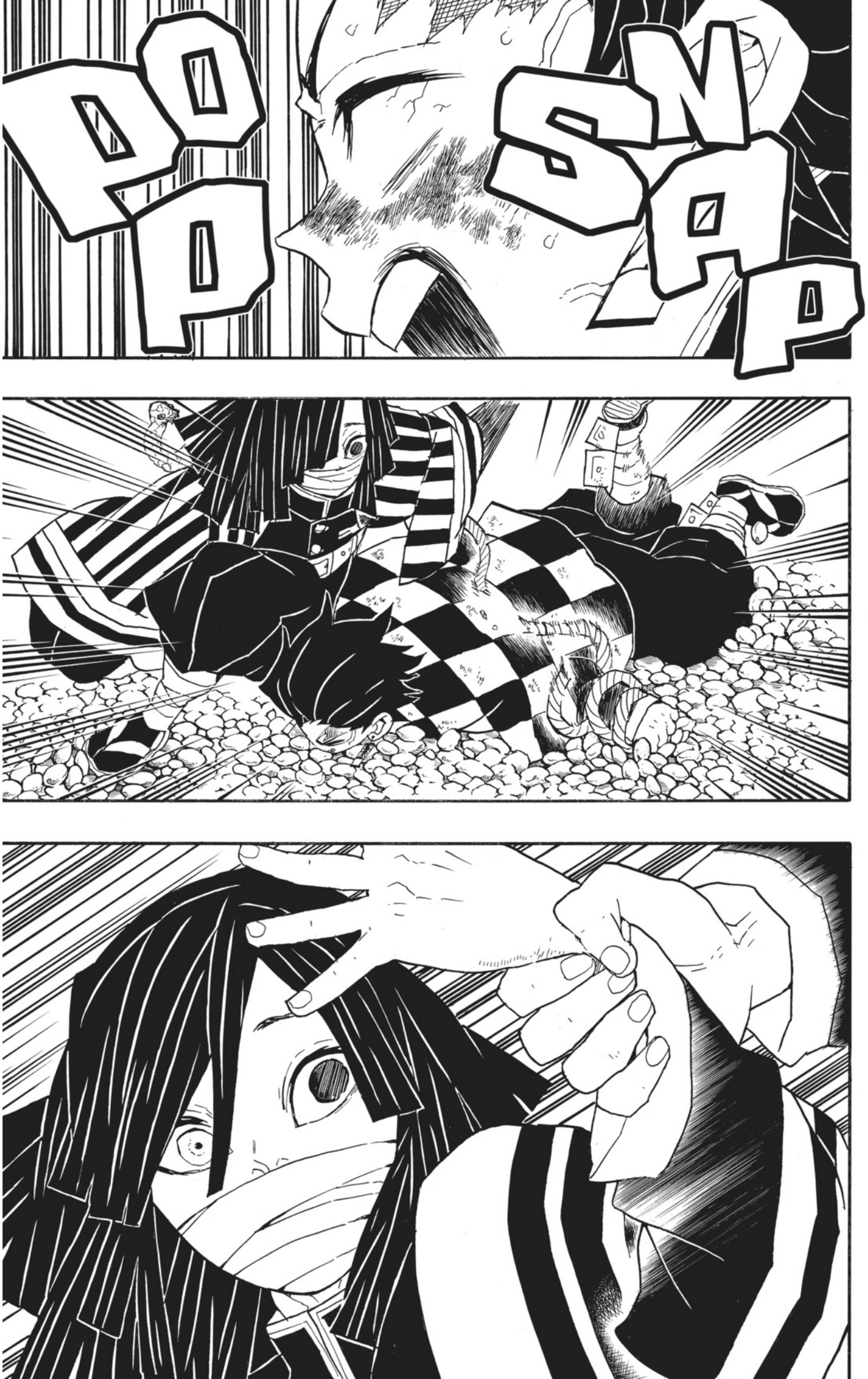
DRIP


BOMP
SMSH
KRCH
BOMP

GA
AAA
AHH!


KAMADO!

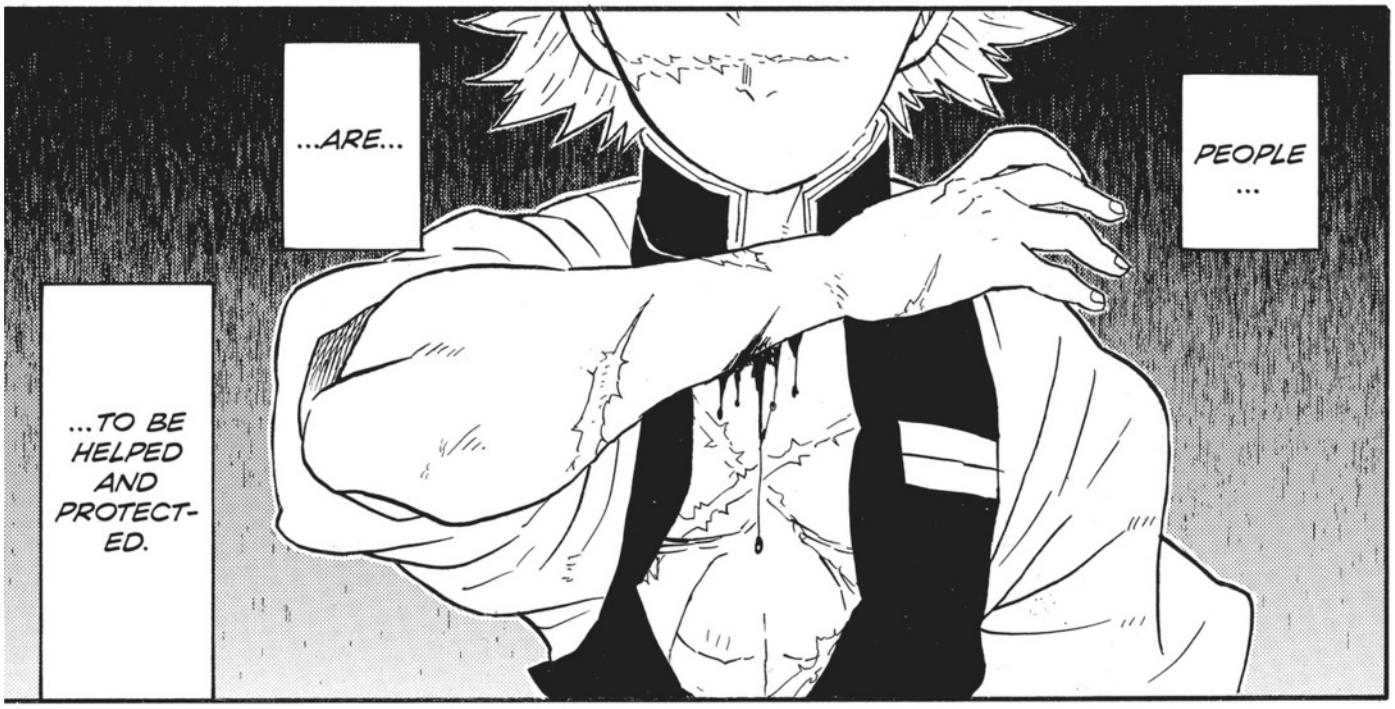
BOMP


POP
SNAP

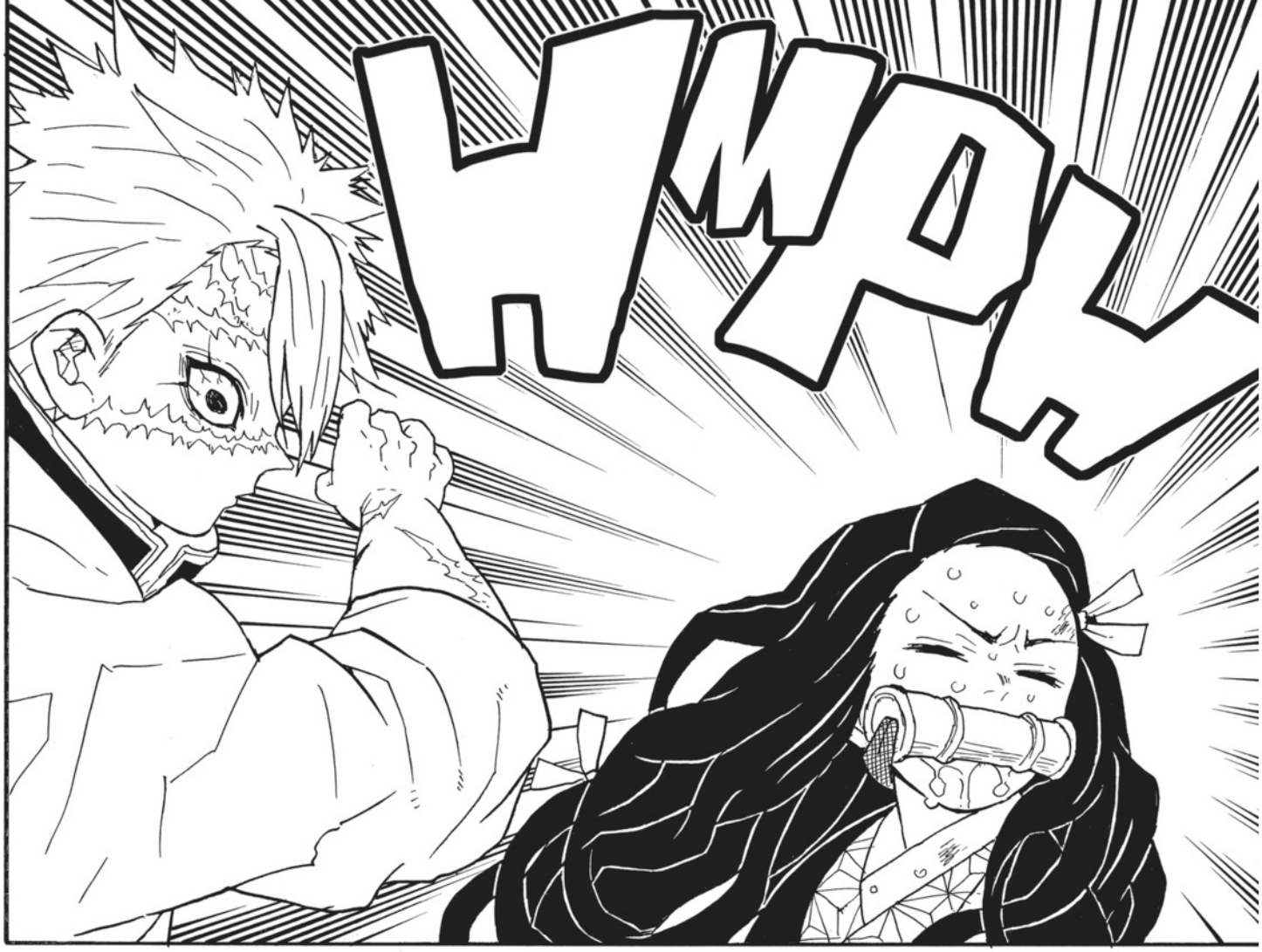
KOFF
FWUD
SKRT
KOFF
KOFF
KOFF

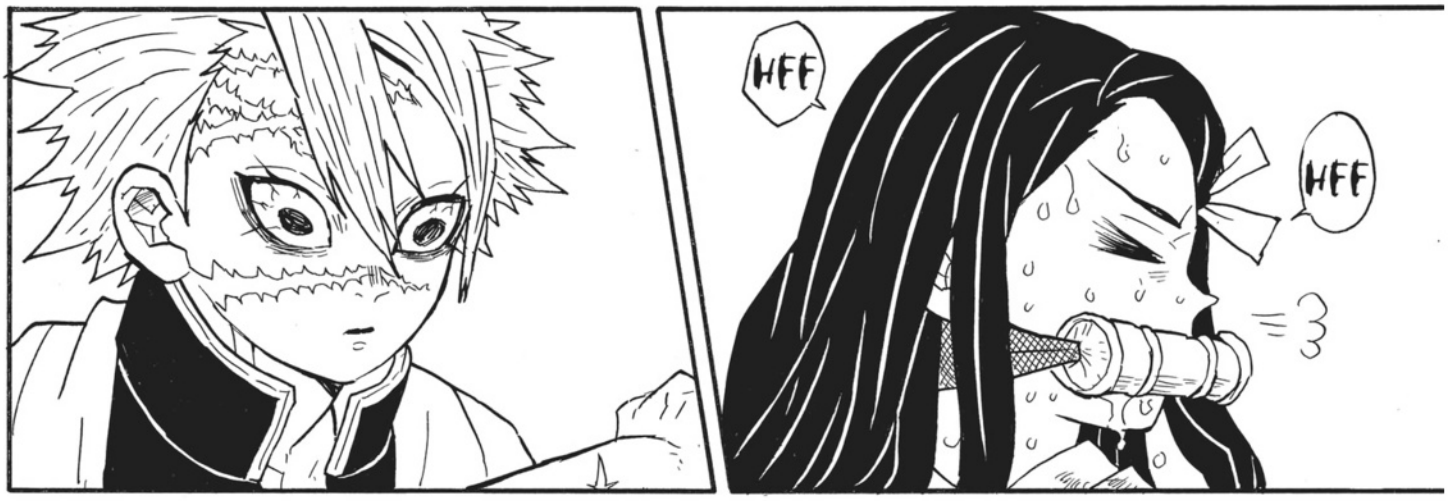
NEZUKO!

!


...ARE...
PEOPLE ...
...TO BE HELPED AND PROTECT-ED.

I MUST NEVER HURT THEM.
I CANNOT HURT THEM.
KCH


HWOK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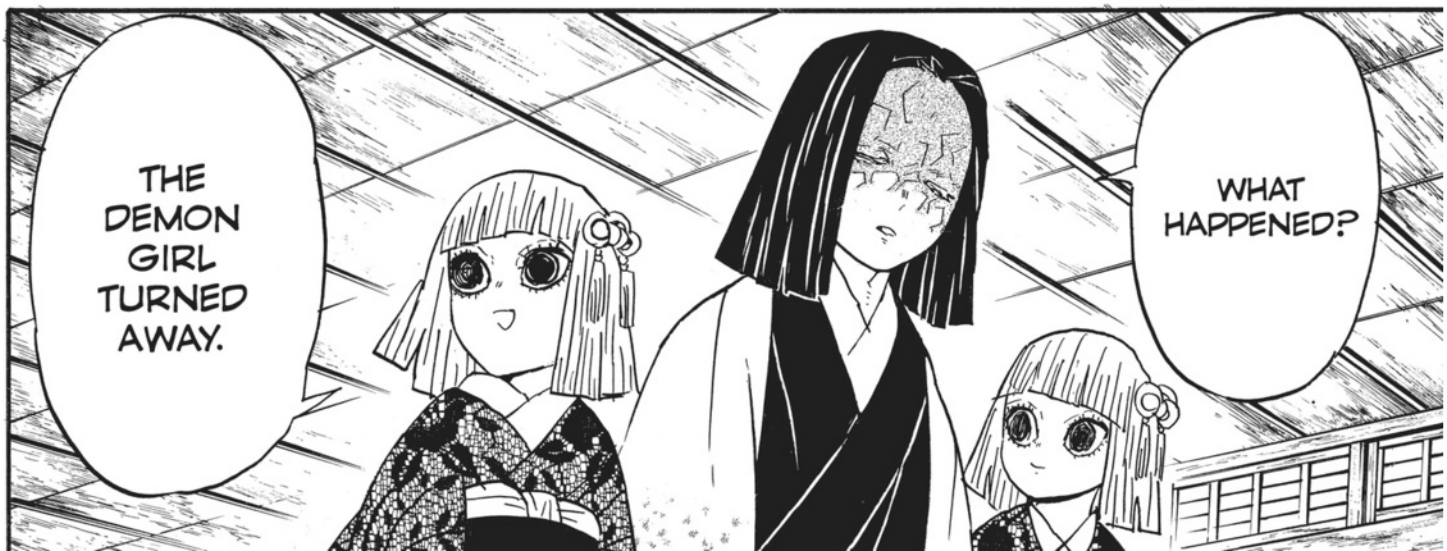
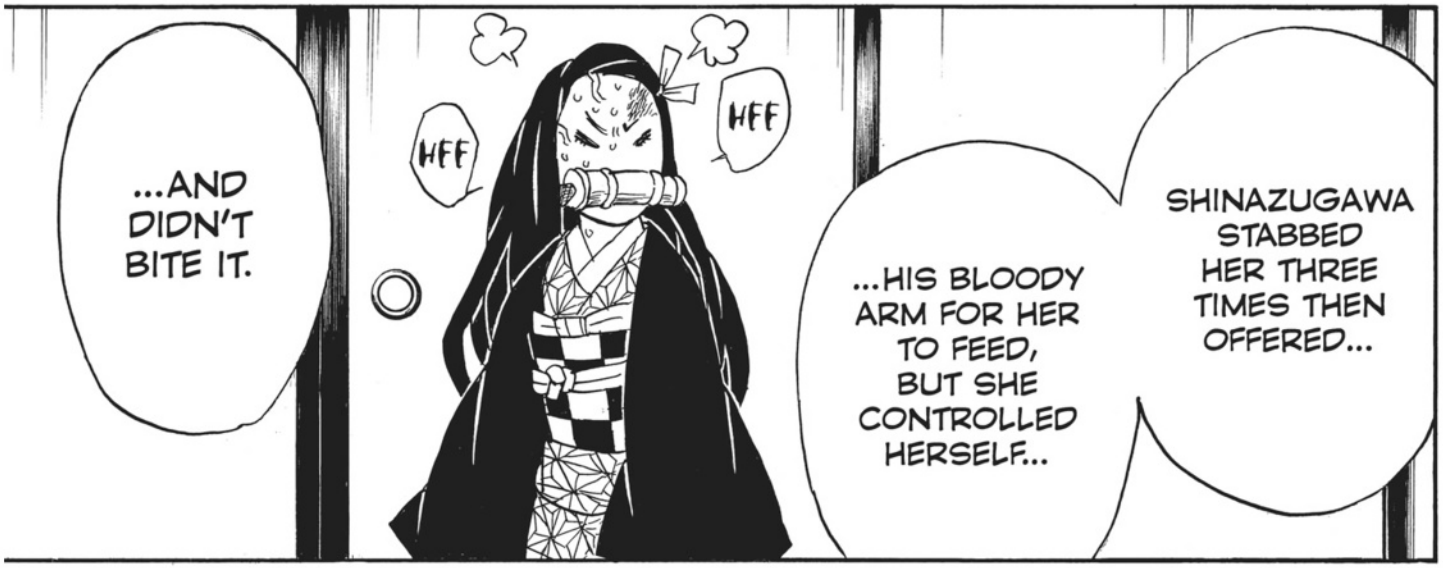
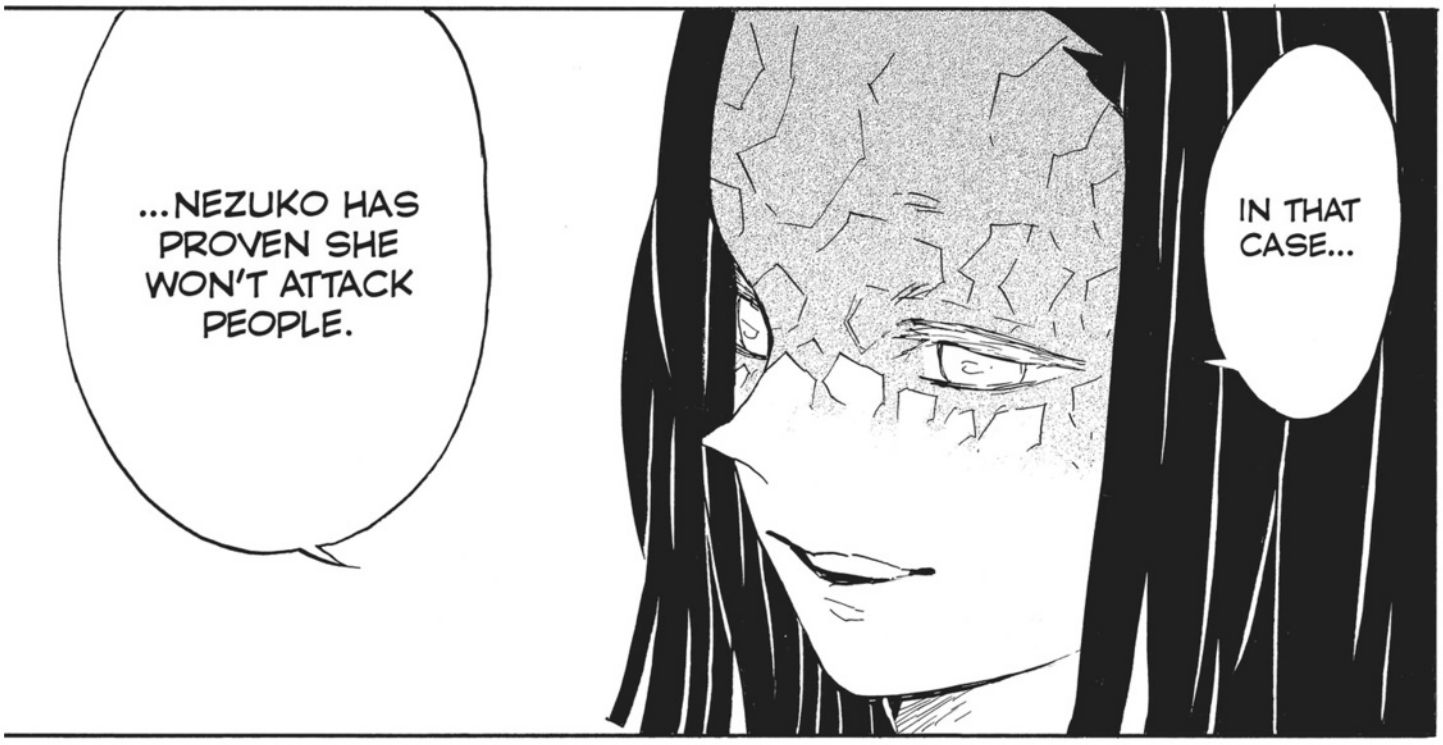
HFF

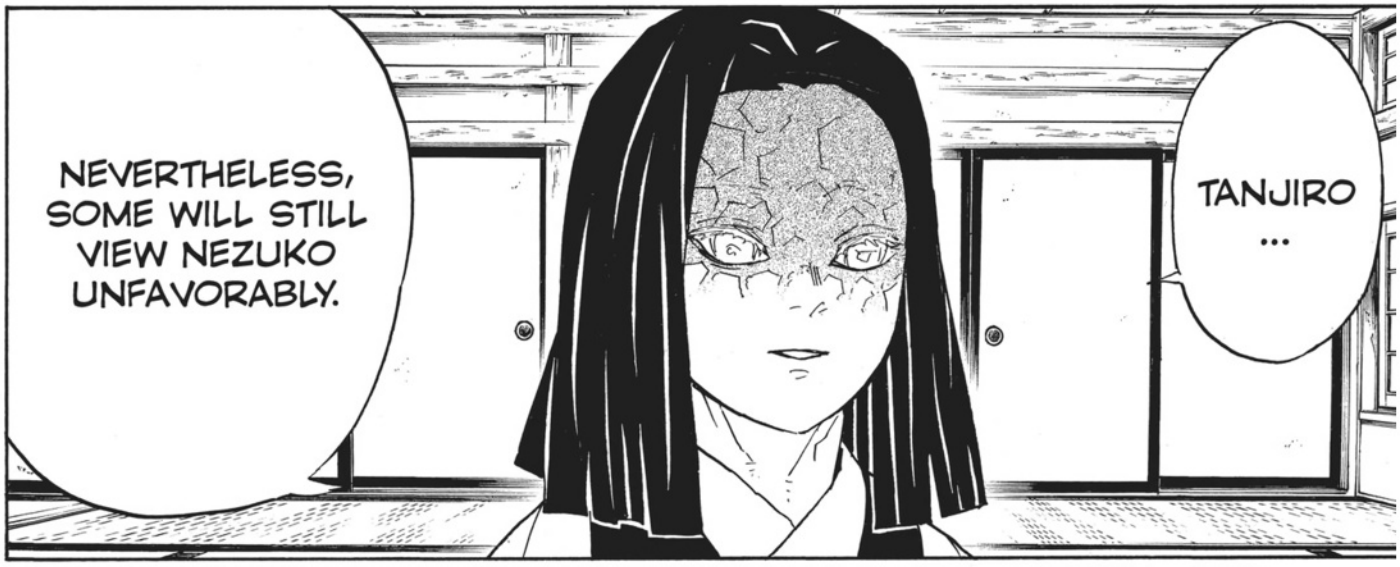

THE DEMON GIRL TURNED AWAY.
WHAT HAPPENED?


SHINAZUGAWA STABBED HER THREE TIMES THEN OFFERED...
...HIS BLOODY ARM FOR HER TO FEED, BUT SHE CONTROLLED HERSELF...
HFF
HFF
...AND DIDN'T BITE IT.


IN THAT CASE...
...NEZUKO HAS PROVEN SHE WON'T ATTACK PEOPLE.

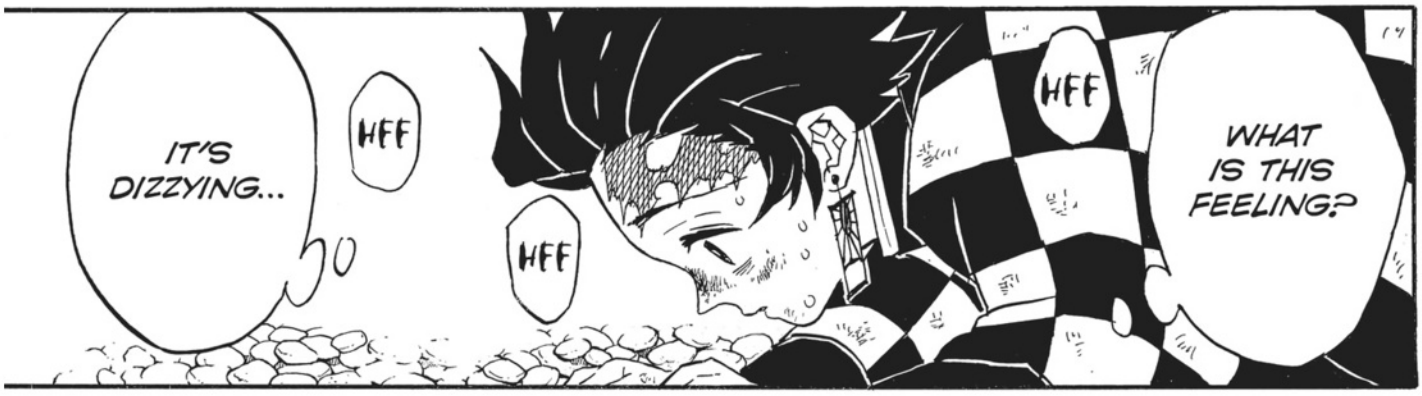
!!
!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TOMIOKA?
FWP
...

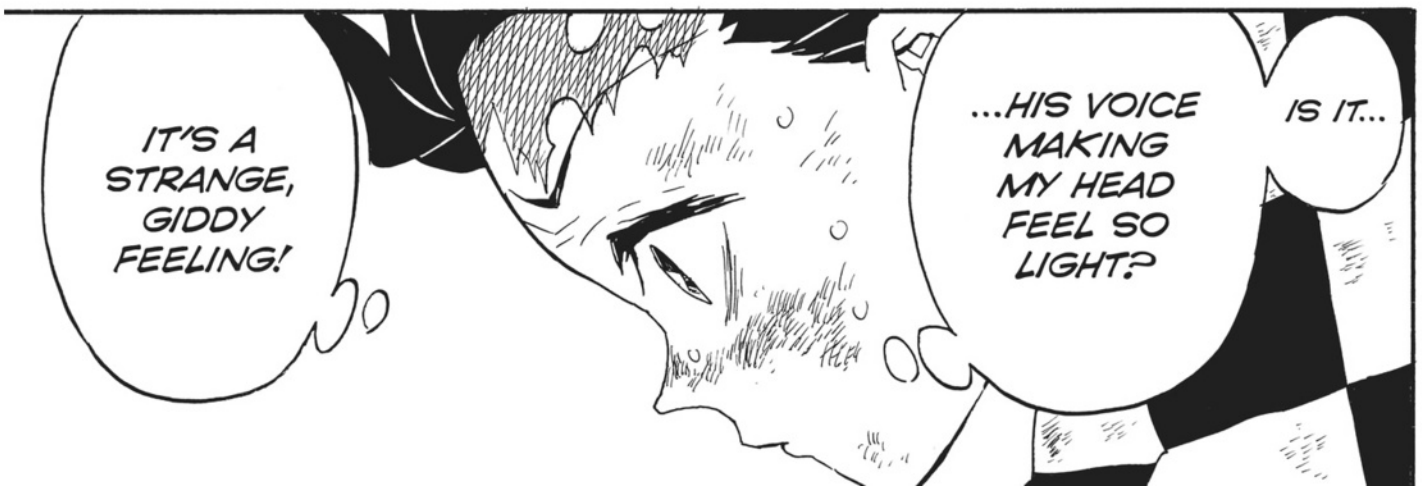

NEVERTHELESS, SOME WILL STILL VIEW NEZUKO UNFAVORABLY.
TANJIRO ...

FMP
GASP

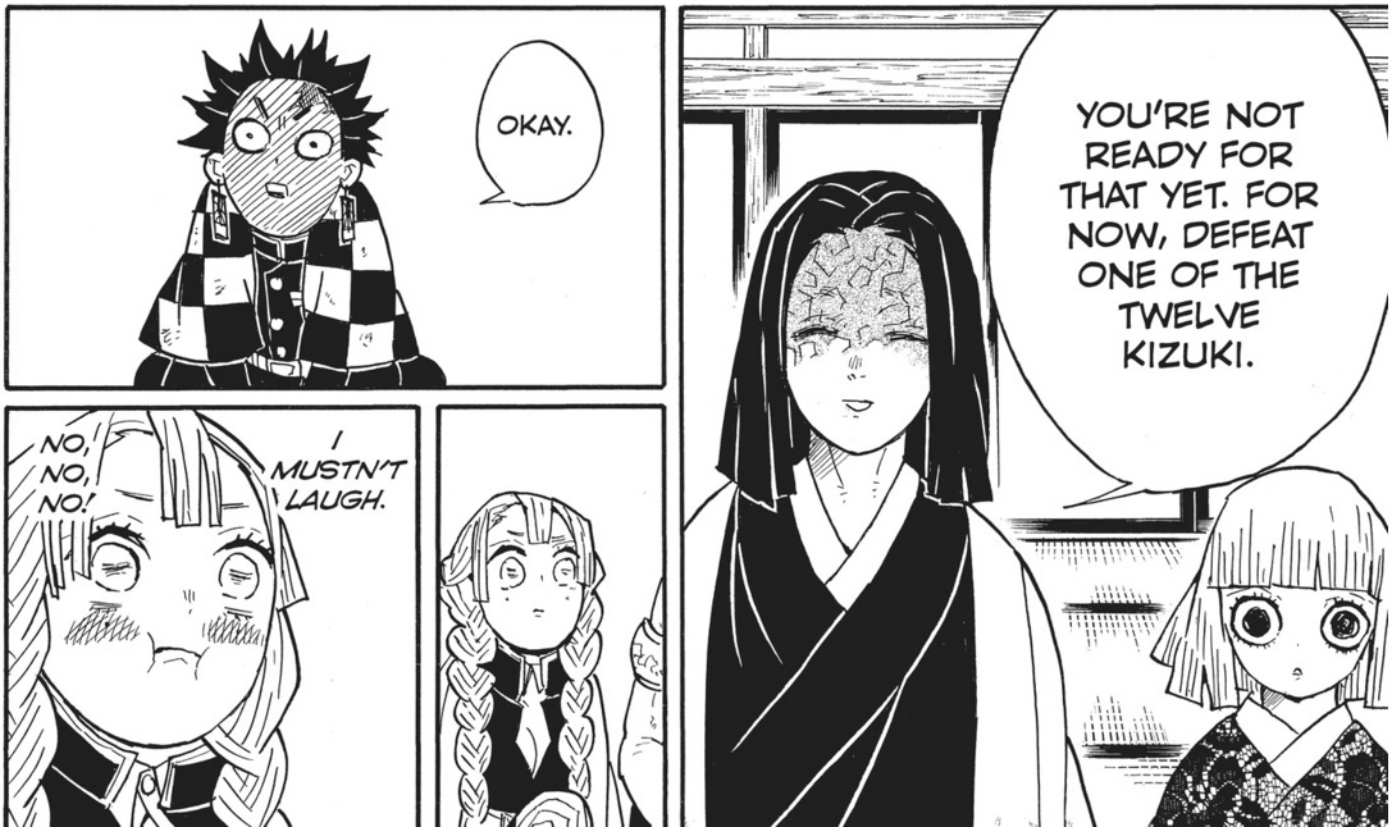
...FROM NOW ON, TANJIRO AND NEZUKO WILL FIGHT FOR THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS TOGETHER.
SO...
PROOF WAS NEEDED, AND NOW WE HAVE IT.


IT'S DIZZYING...
HFF
HFF
HFF
WHAT IS THIS FEELING?

IF YOU DO, THEY WILL ACCEPT YOUR WORDS AND RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF YOUR PRESENCE.
DEFEAT ONE OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI.


IT'S A STRANGE, GIDDY FEELING!
...HIS VOICE MAKING MY HEAD FEEL SO LIGHT?
IS IT...

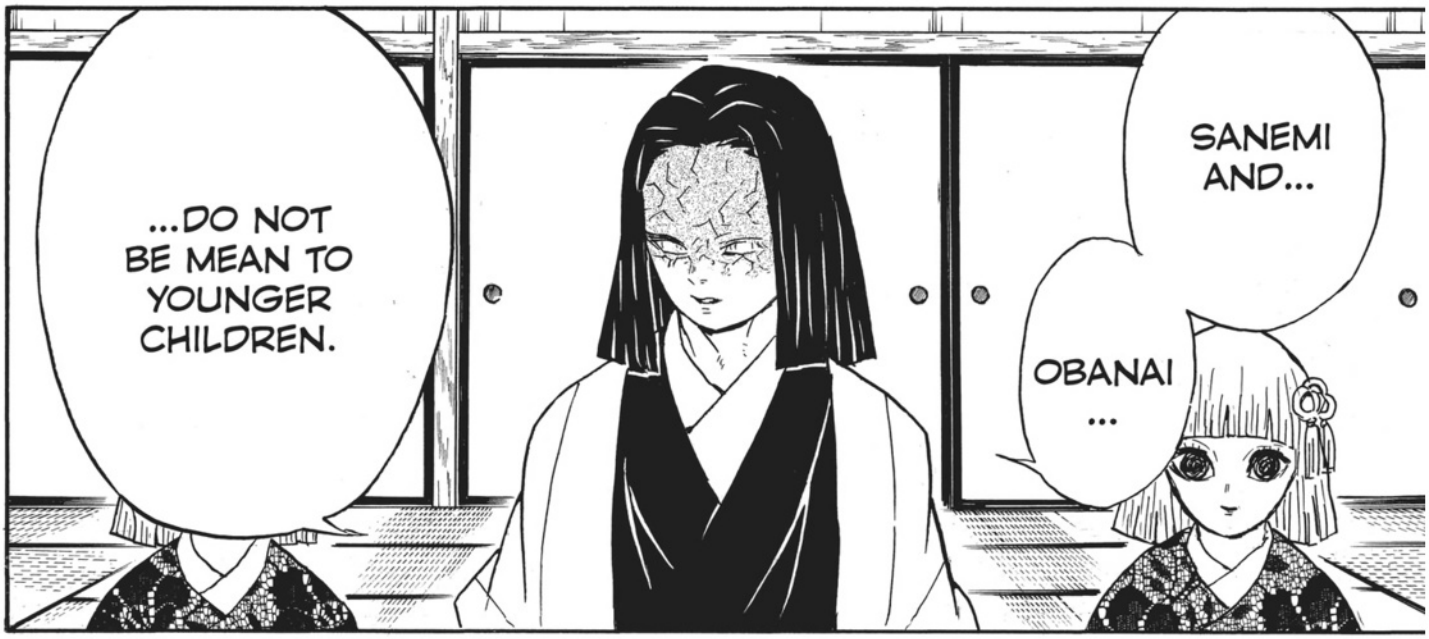
I SWEAR...
NEZUKO AND I WILL DEFEAT MUZAN KIBUTSUJI!
WE WILL NOT FAIL!!
I'LL USE MY BLADE TO BREAK THE CHAIN OF SAD-NESS!


OKAY.
YOU'RE NOT READY FOR THAT YET. FOR NOW, DEFEAT ONE OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI.
NO, NO, NO!
I MUSTN'T LAUGH.

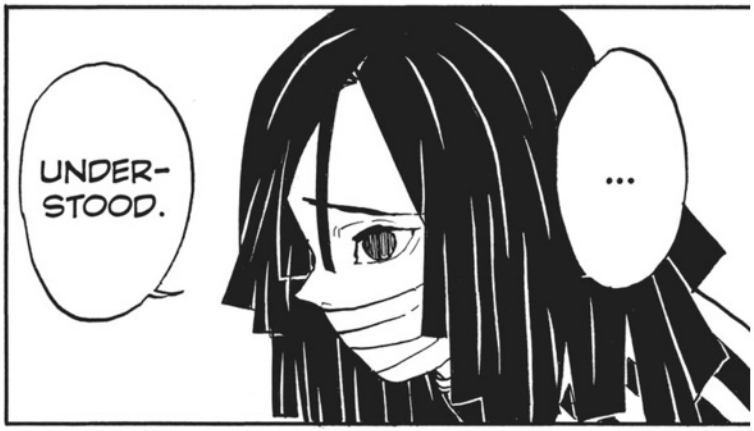
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE HASHIRA IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS ARE EXTREMELY TALENTED.
YUP, THAT'S RIGHT!
THROUGH LABORIOUS TRAINING, THEY HAVE IMPROVED THEMSELVES, DEFIED DEATH...
...AND DEFEATED MEMBERS OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI.
...
?

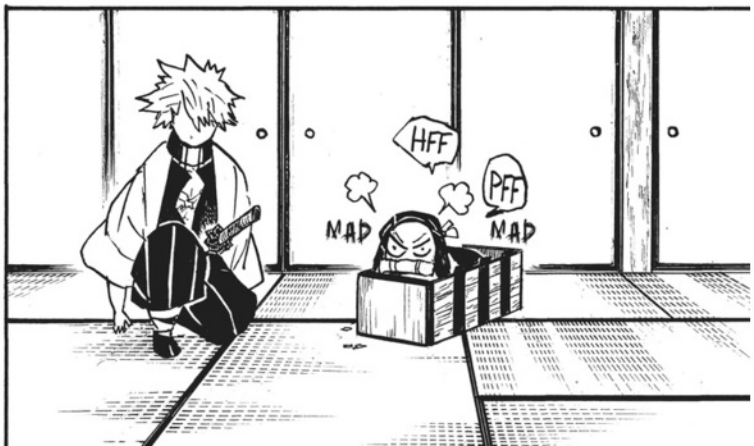
THAT IS WHY PEOPLE RESPECT AND WARMLY WELCOME THE HASHIRA.
TANJIRO, YOU MUST BE CAREFUL HOW YOU SPEAK.

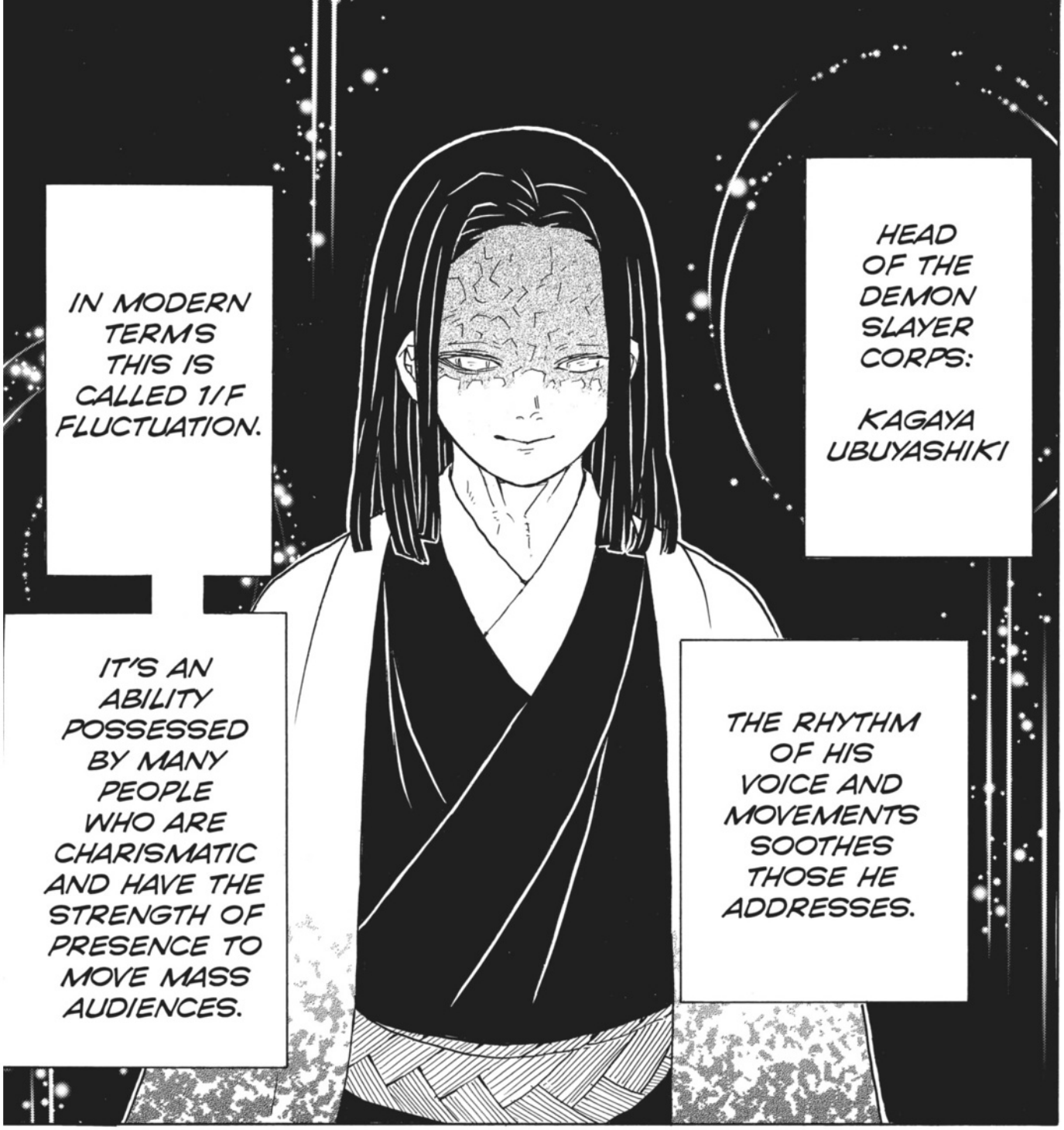
UH...
OKAY.


SANEMI AND...
OBANAI ...
...DO NOT BE MEAN TO YOUNGER CHILDREN.

AS YOU WISH.


...
UNDER-STOOD.


HFF
PFF
MAD
MAD


HEAD OF THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS:
KAGAYA UBUYASHIKI
IN MODERN TERMS THIS IS CALLED 1/F FLUCTUATION.
THE RHYTHM OF HIS VOICE AND MOVEMENTS SOOTHES THOSE HE ADDRESSES.
IT'S AN ABILITY POSSESSED BY MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE CHARISMATIC AND HAVE THE STRENGTH OF PRESENCE TO MOVE MASS AUDIENCES.

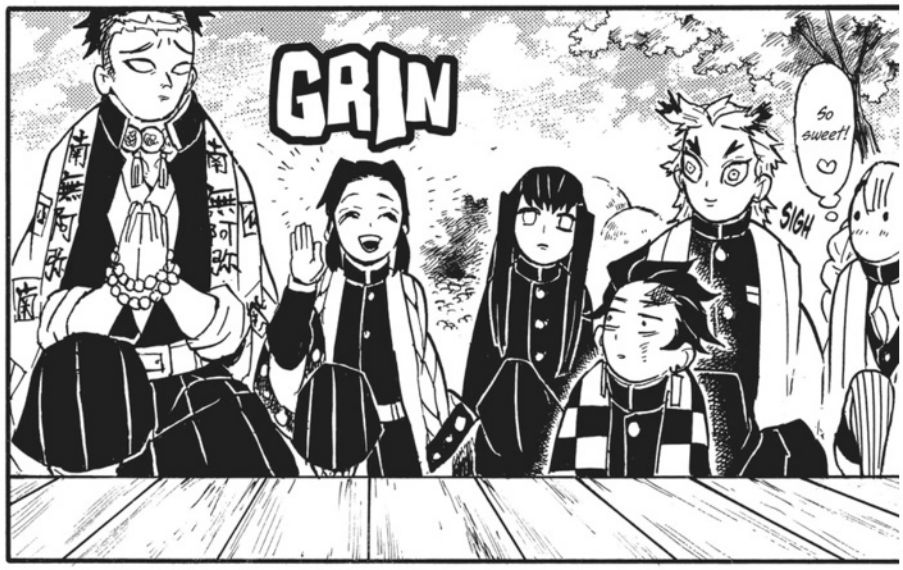
IT IS TIME FOR THE HASHIRA COUNCIL TO BEGIN.
THAT IS ENOUGH TALK ON THIS SUBJECT. TANJIRO...
...YOU MAY LEAVE.

Hasn't shown up yet.
Taisho Whispers & Rumors
Ubuyashiki is said to have five children. The one with black hair is a boy and his heir. The boy in House Ubuyashiki is cowardly, so he was raised as a girl until age 13.

# CHAPTER 48: BUTTERFLY MANSION

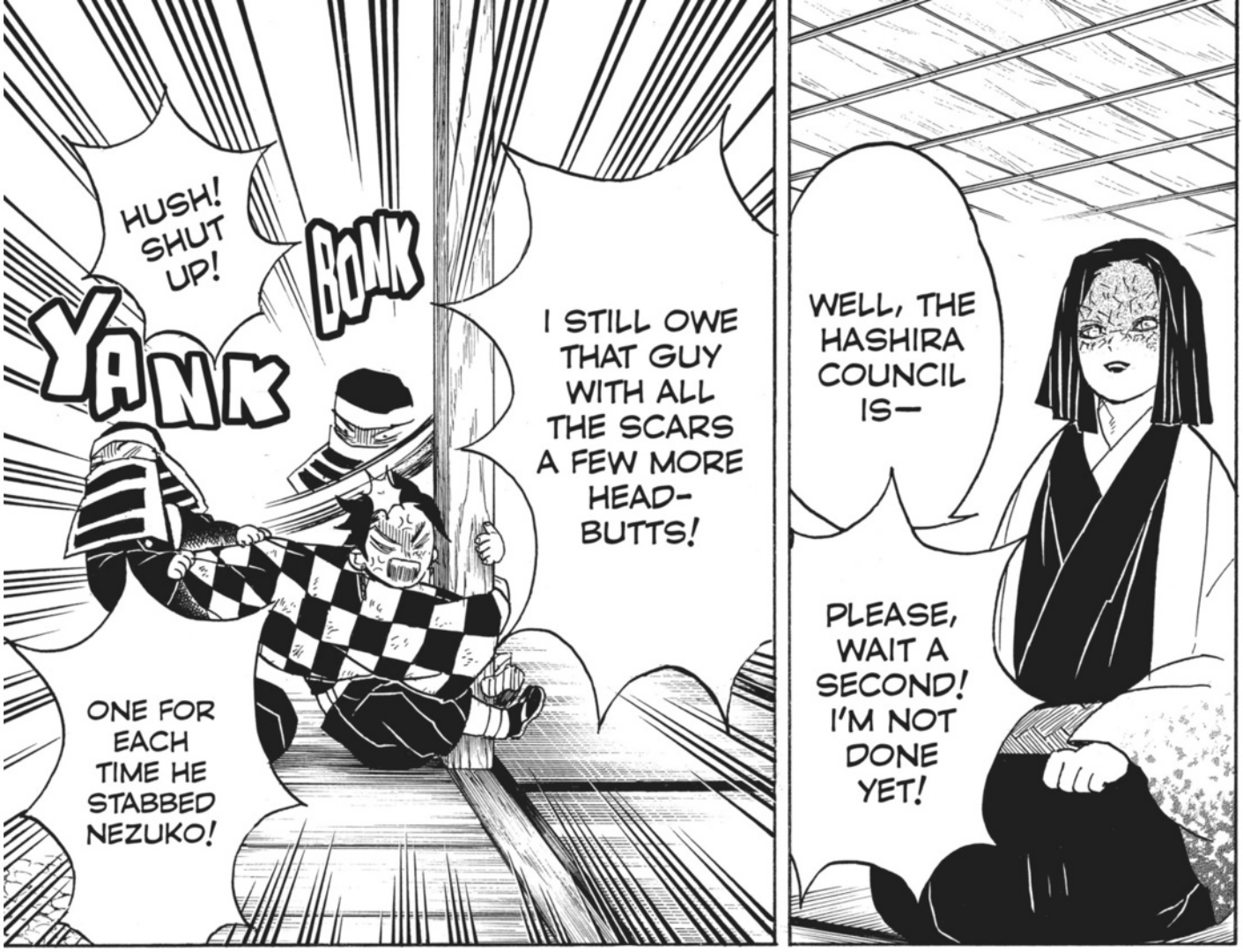
KAMADO CAN WAIT FOR US IN MY MANSION.

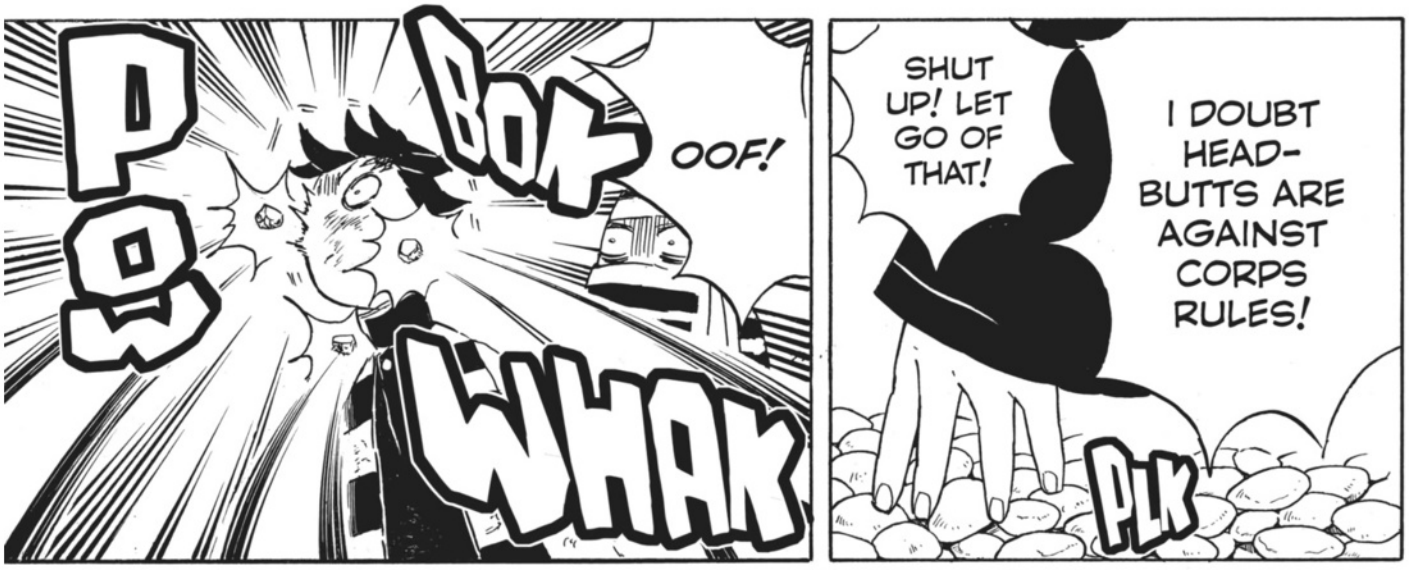
HUH?

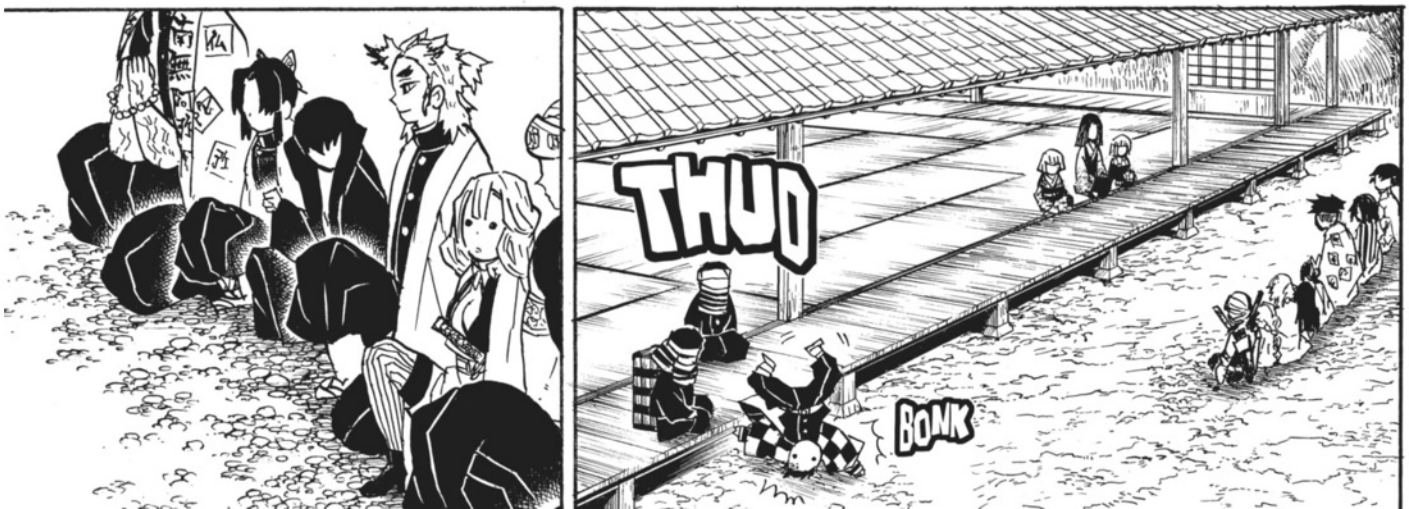

GRIN
So sweet!
SIGH

WHOOSH
EXCUSE ME!

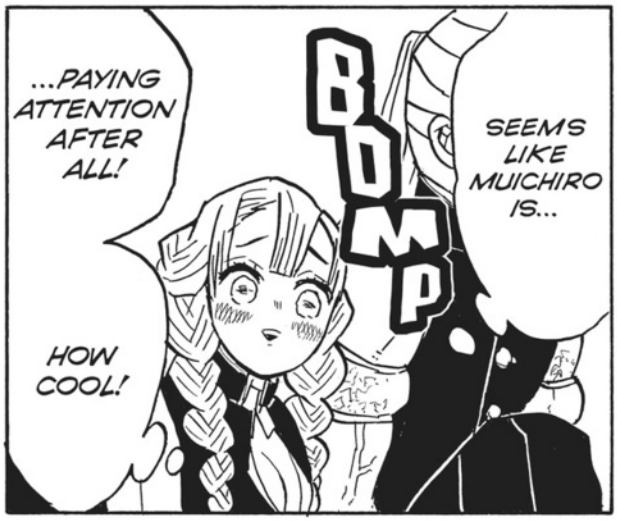
OKAY, TAKE HIM AWAY!
CLAP
CLAP

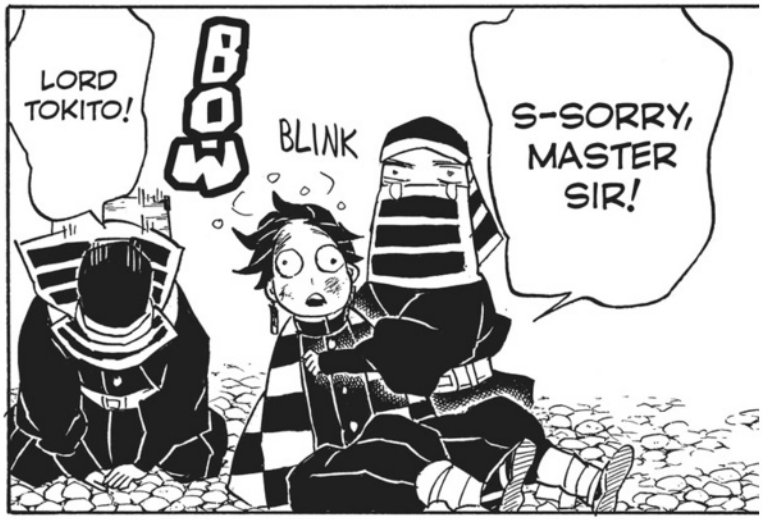

HUSH! SHUT UP!
YANK
BONK
I STILL OWE THAT GUY WITH ALL THE SCARS A FEW MORE HEAD-BUTTS!
ONE FOR EACH TIME HE STABBED NEZUKO!
WELL, THE HASHIRA COUNCIL IS—
PLEASE, WAIT A SECOND! I'M NOT DONE YET!

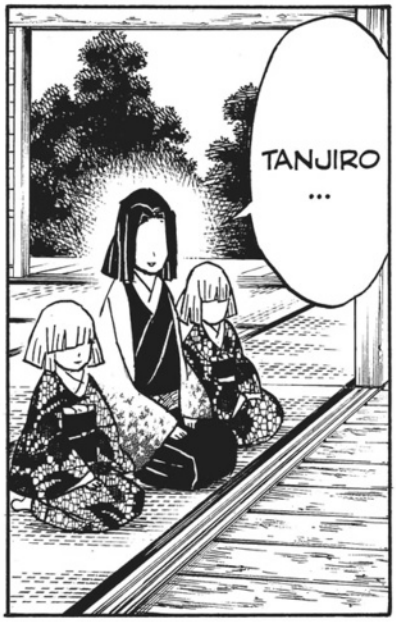

POW
BOK
WHAK
OOF!
SHUT UP! LET GO OF THAT!
I DOUBT HEAD-BUTTS ARE AGAINST CORPS RULES!
PLK


THUD
BONK

INTERRUPT-
ING THE
MASTER IS
CONSIDERED
...
...QUITE
RUDE.
TSUGA


...PAYING
ATTENTION
AFTER
ALL!
BDMP
SEEMS
LIKE
MUICHIRO
IS...
HOW
COOL!


LORD
TOKITO!
BOW
BLINK
S-SORRY,
MASTER
SIR!


TANJIRO
...

SHUFFLE
Y-YES,
SIR!
PANIC
Quickly!
Hurry!
FLUSTER

HURRY
NOW.
GO.

...GIVE MY REGARDS TO TAMAYO.
FWOOSH
?!
WH—
HOOF
WHAT DID HE SAY?!
TROMP
HANG ON!
JUST THEN...

KONK
THE HASHIRA ARE SCARY! DON'T ANTAGONIZE THEM!
HE JUST SAID TAMAYO'S NAME...
YOU ALREADY GOT US INTO TROUBLE!
I ALMOST PEED MY PANTS!
WHACK
POW
BAM
YOU! STOP TALKING!
NEVER EVER EVER!
NEVER!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
EXCUSE US!
THE BUTTERFLY MANSION
APOLOGIZE!
BONK
APOLOGIZE! APOLOGIZE!
...S-SORRY.
I'M...
TUG

MAYBE WE CAN GO AROUND TO THE GARDEN?
BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD JUST GO IN.

PARDON THE INTRUSION!
SORRY FOR...
NO ONE IS COMING TO GREET US.

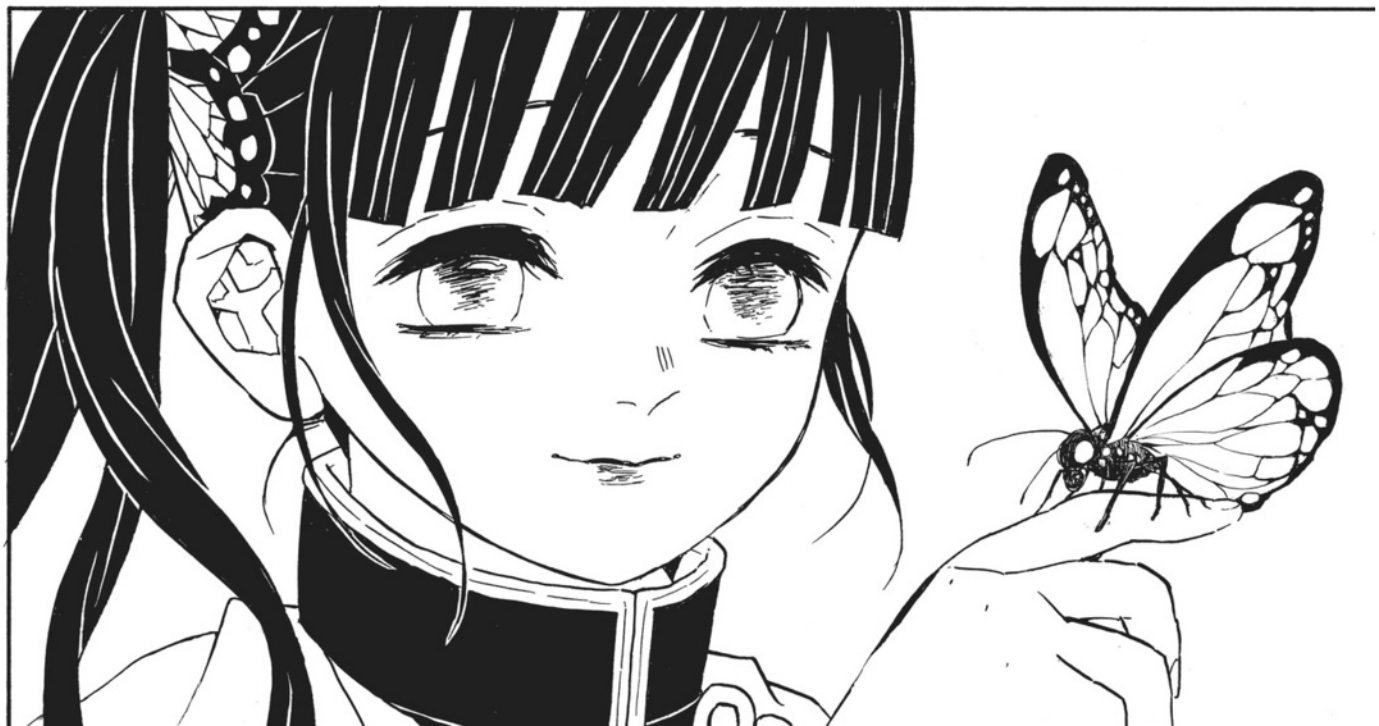
OH, THERE'S SOMEONE!
THAT'S, UM... OH, RIGHT!
IT'S A TSUGUKO!

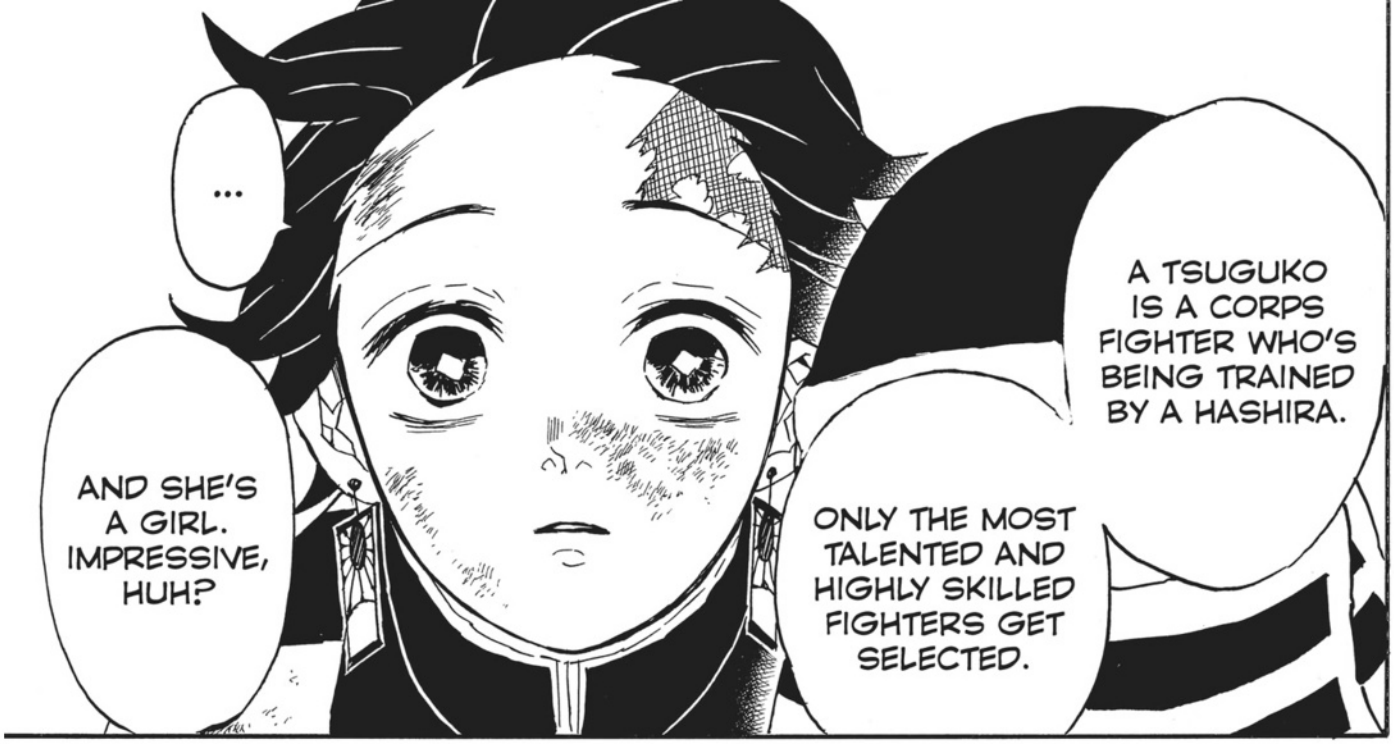
CAN'T YOU WALK BY YOURSELF?
SORRY. I'M IN PAIN. MY WHOLE BODY HURTS.
WHATEVER, GRANDPA!
TMP
TMP

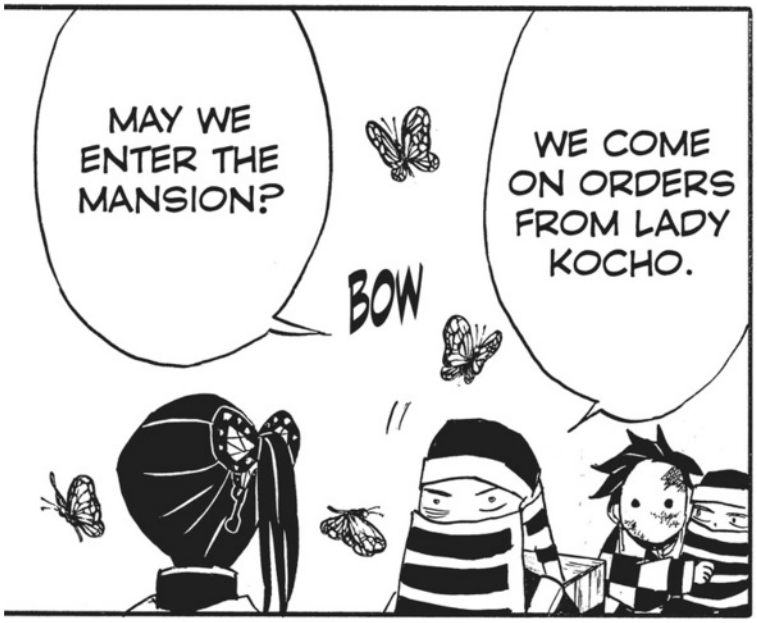
HER NAME IS...

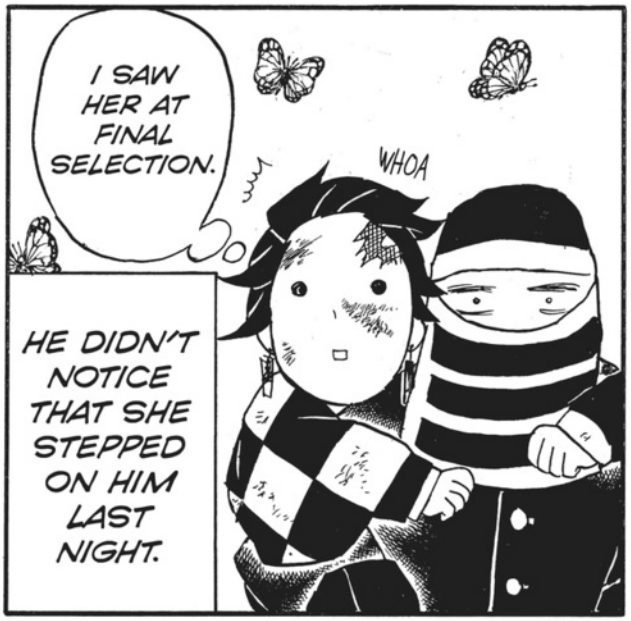
WHAT'S A TSUGUKO?
SHE'S A TSUGUKO.

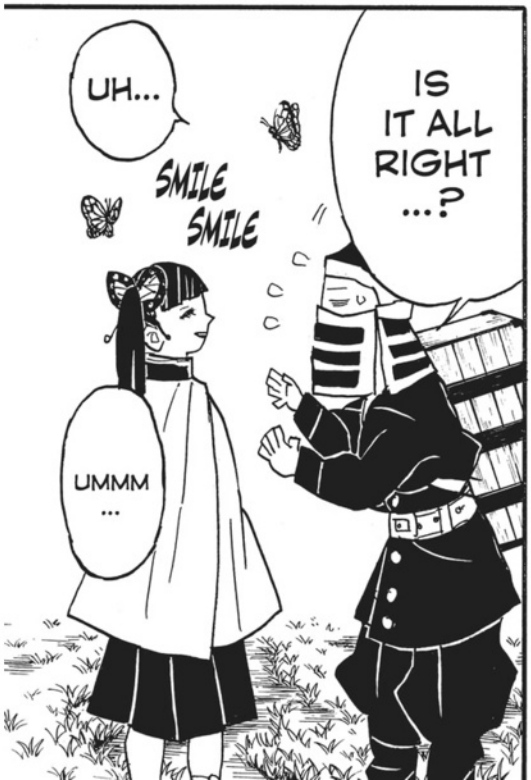
KANAO
TSUYURI.

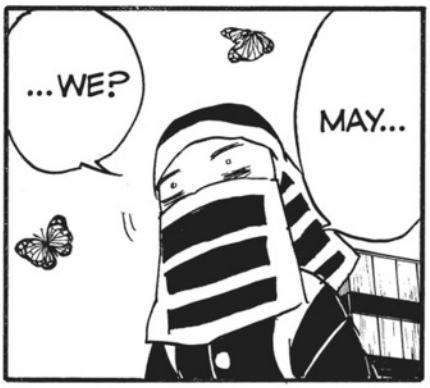


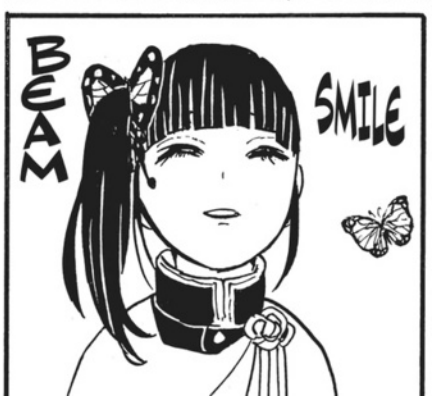

...
AND SHE'S A GIRL. IMPRESSIVE, HUH?
A TSUGUKO IS A CORPS FIGHTER WHO'S BEING TRAINED BY A HASHIRA.
ONLY THE MOST TALENTED AND HIGHLY SKILLED FIGHTERS GET SELECTED.

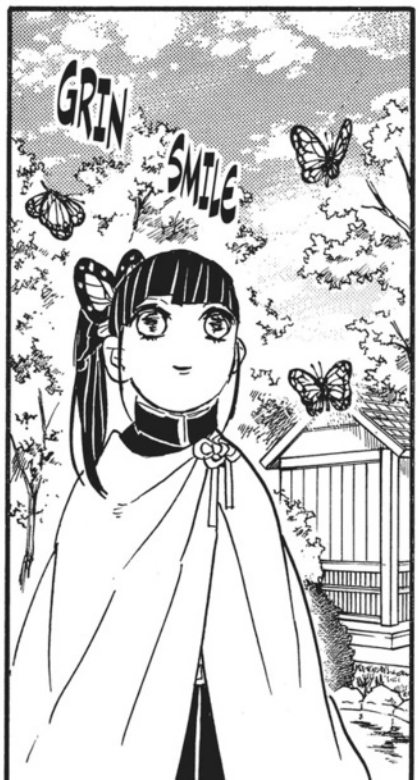

MAY WE ENTER THE MANSION?
BOW
WE COME ON ORDERS FROM LADY KOCHO.


I SAW HER AT FINAL SELECTION.
WHOA
HE DIDN'T NOTICE THAT SHE STEPPED ON HIM LAST NIGHT.

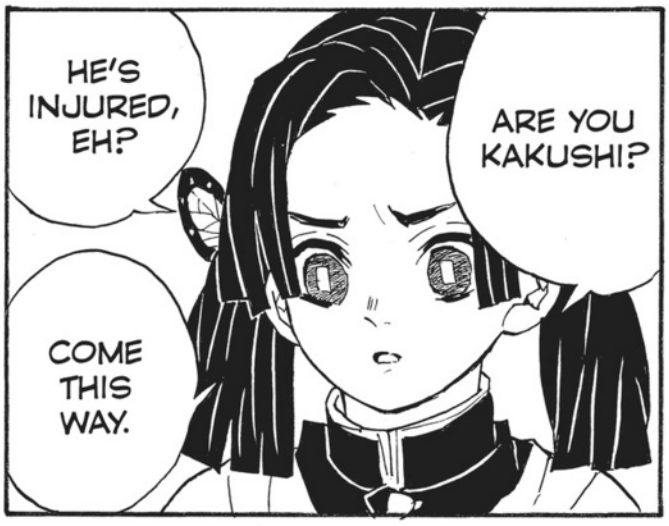

UH...
SMILE SMILE
IS IT ALL RIGHT ...?
UMMM ...

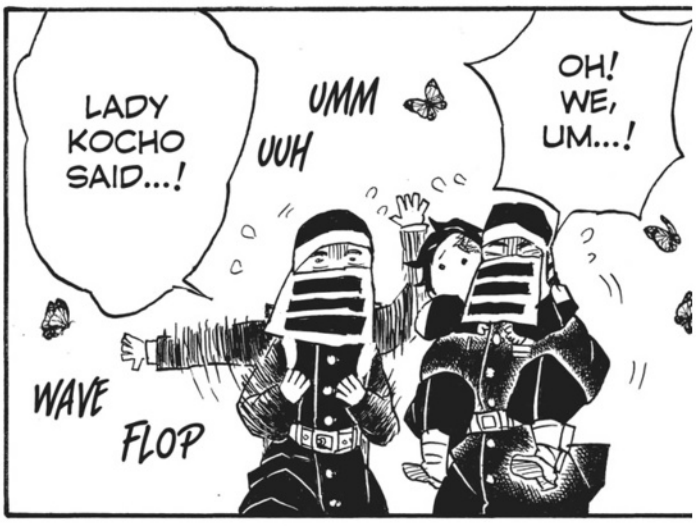

...WE?
MAY...


BEAM
SMILE


GRIN
SMILE

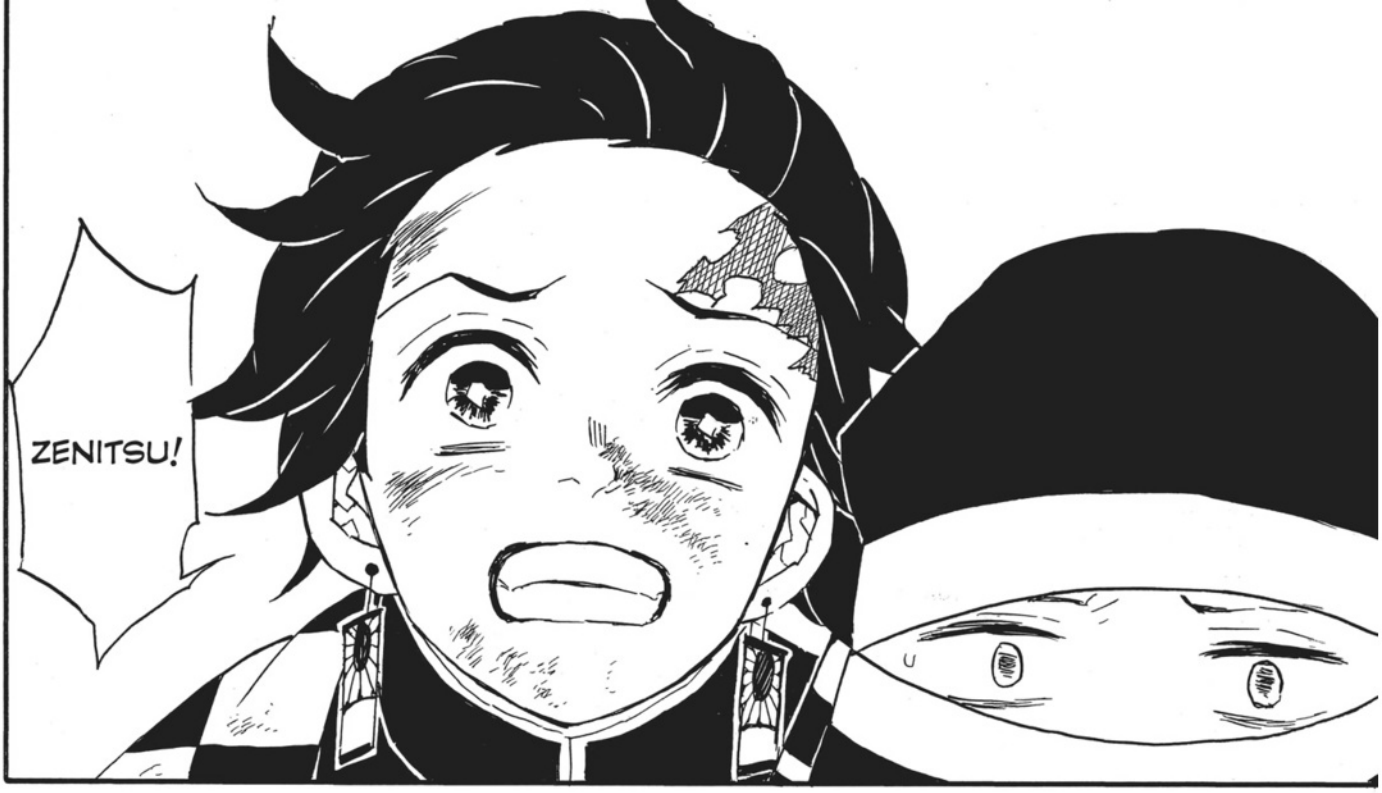
YES
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

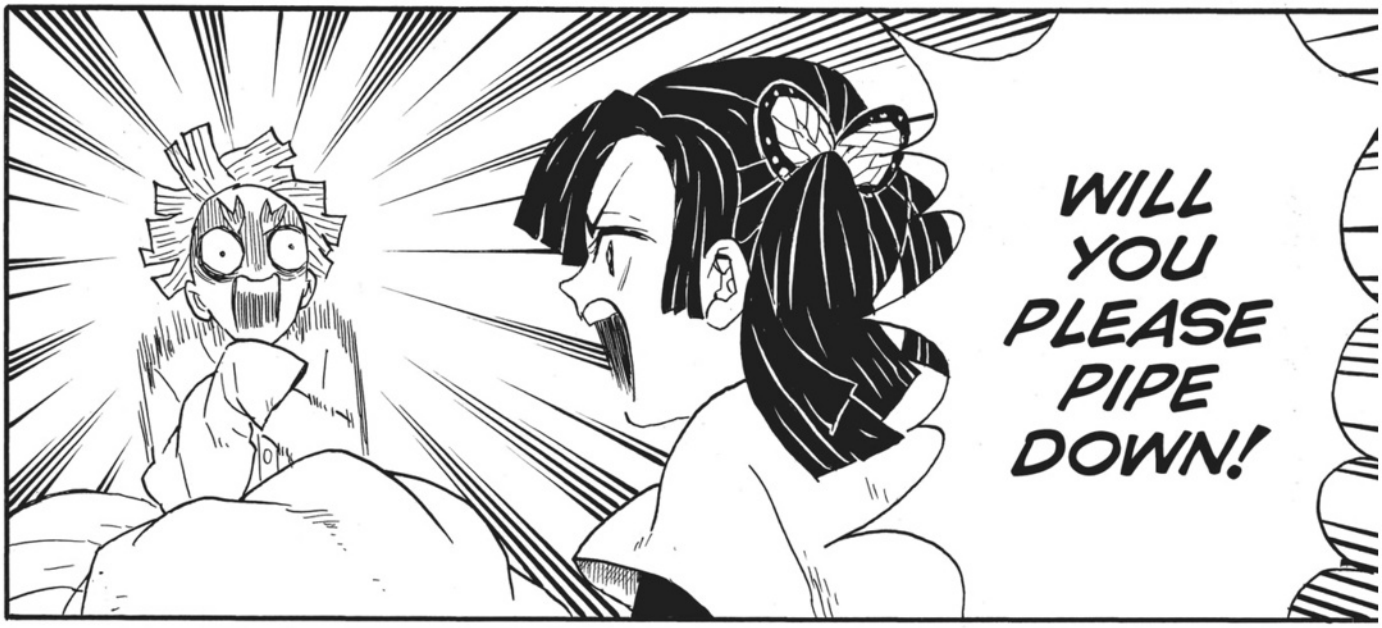

ARE YOU KAKUSHI?
HE'S INJURED, EH?
COME THIS WAY.

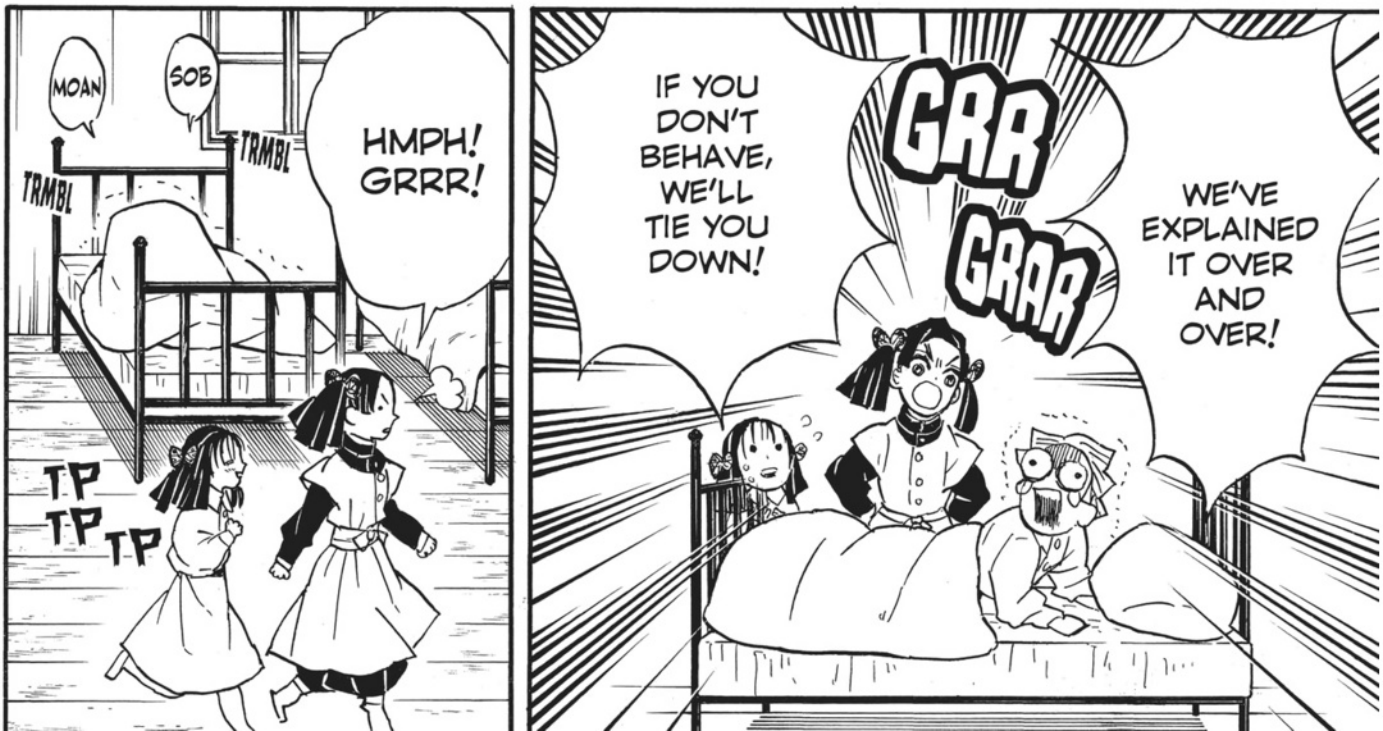

OH! WE, UM...!
UMM
UUH
LADY KOCHO SAID...!
WAVE
FLOP

She's fast!
She's fast!

HUP
HUP
TMP
TMP

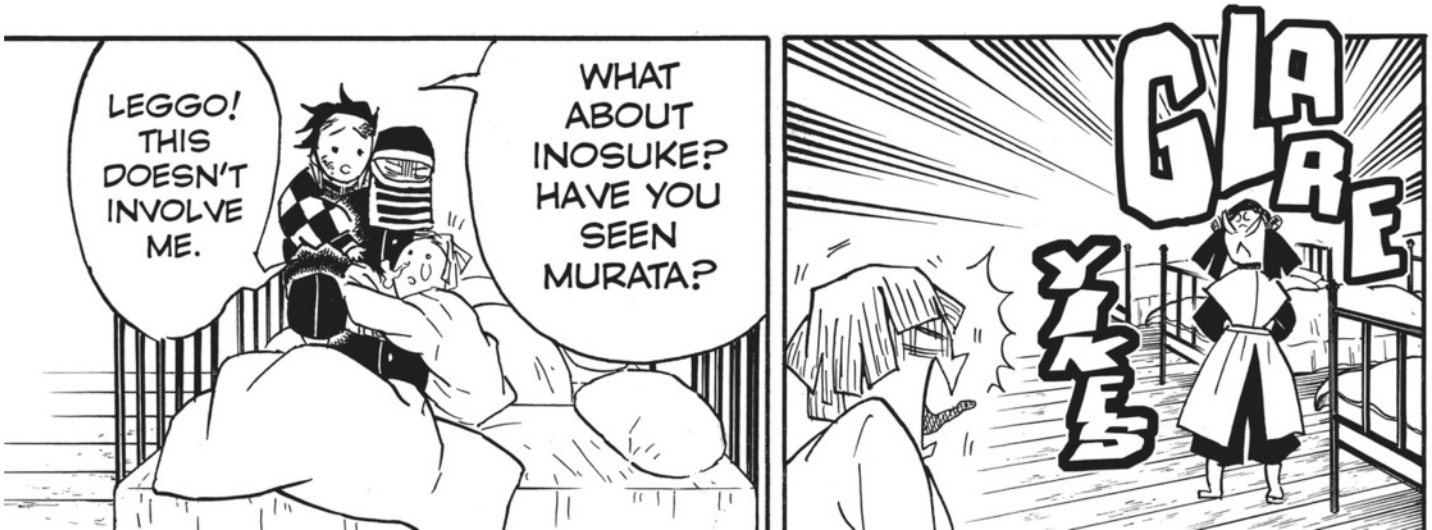

ZENITSU!


WILL YOU PLEASE PIPE DOWN!


MOAN
SOB
TRMBL
TRMBL
HMPH! GRRR!
TP TP TP
IF YOU DON'T BEHAVE, WE'LL TIE YOU DOWN!
GRR
GRAR
WE'VE EXPLAINED IT OVER AND OVER!

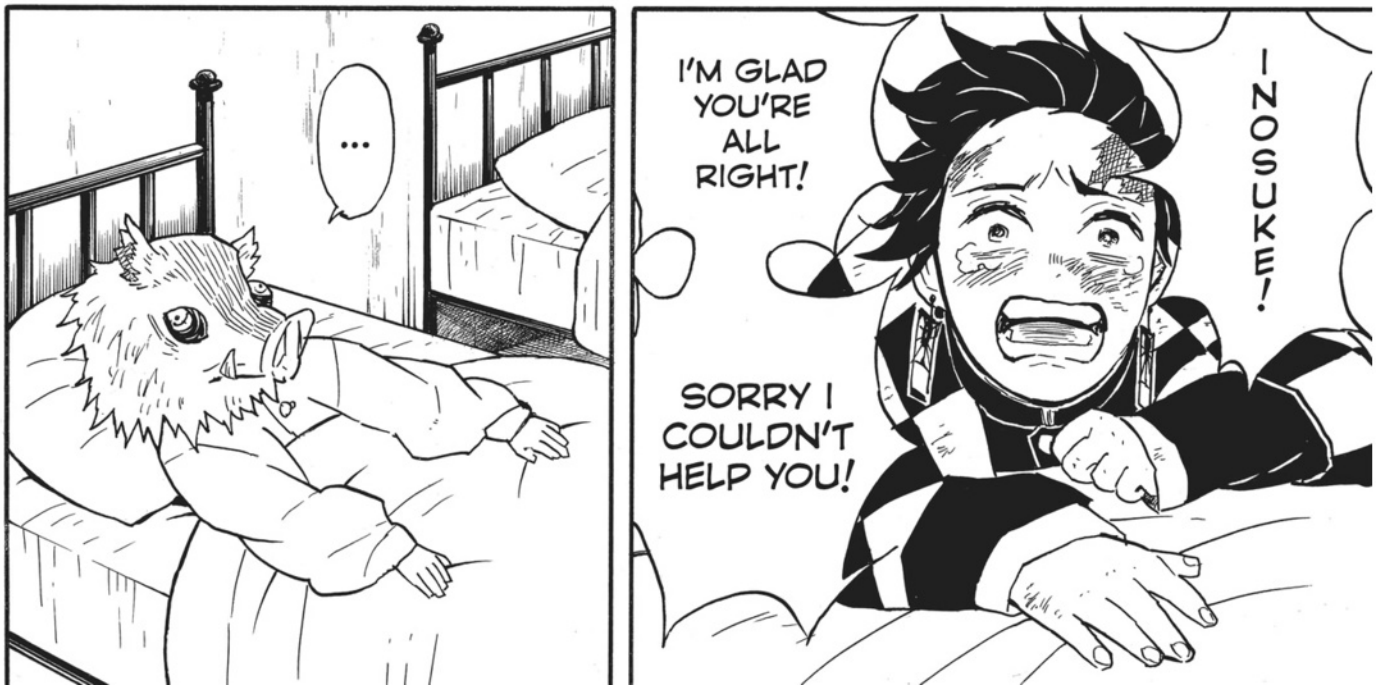
DID YOU COME UP THE MOUNTAIN TO HELP?!
ARE YOU HURT? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
ZENITSU ?!
GYAAH!
T...
TANJIRO ...

A STINKY SPIDER STABBED ME AND THE POISON REALLY HURT!
WAAH! TANJIRO! LISTEN! YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT!
BUT THAT GIRL GETTING ANGRY AT ME IS EVEN WORSE!
GLOMP


LEGGO! THIS DOESN'T INVOLVE ME.
WHAT ABOUT INOSUKE? HAVE YOU SEEN MURATA?
GLARE
YIKES

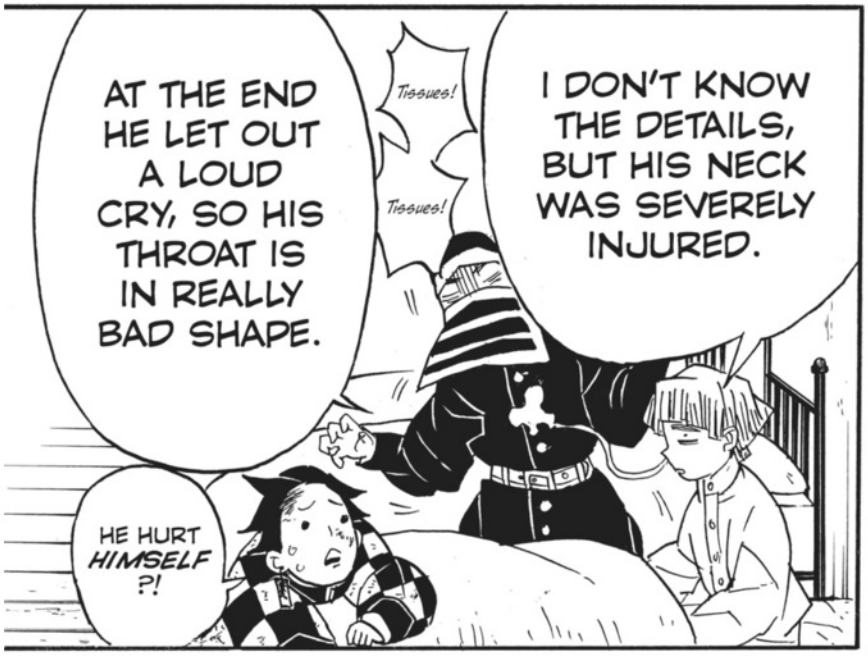
HEY.
DROOP
I DON'T KNOW WHO MURATA IS, BUT INOSUKE IS RIGHT HERE.

HE'S BEEN HERE ALL ALONG!
WHAP
I DIDN'T NOTICE!
HEY! YOU'RE RIGHT!

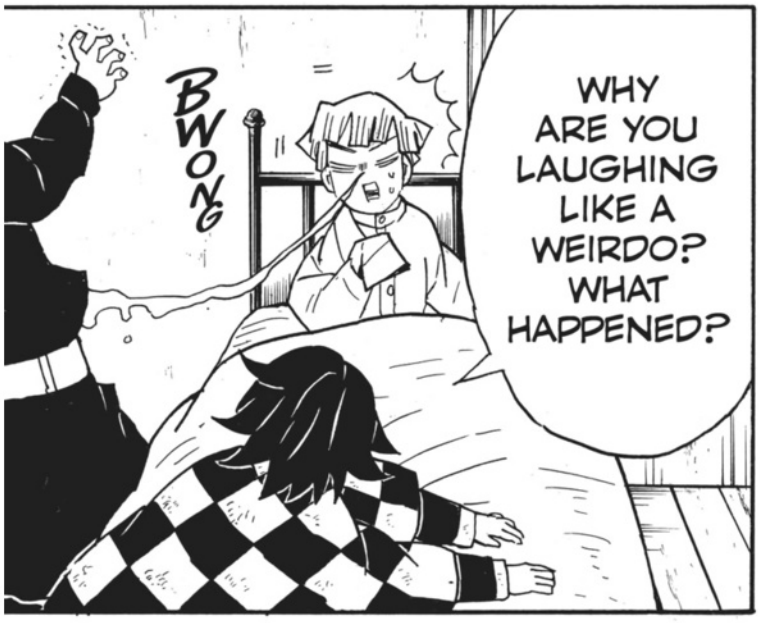

...
I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
INOSUKE!
SORRY I COULDN'T HELP YOU!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
THAT'S OKAY.


IS THAT INO-SUKE?!
HIS VOICE...!


I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS, BUT HIS NECK WAS SEVERELY INJURED.
Tissues!
Tissues!
AT THE END HE LET OUT A LOUD CRY, SO HIS THROAT IS IN REALLY BAD SHAPE.
HE HURT HIMSELF?!

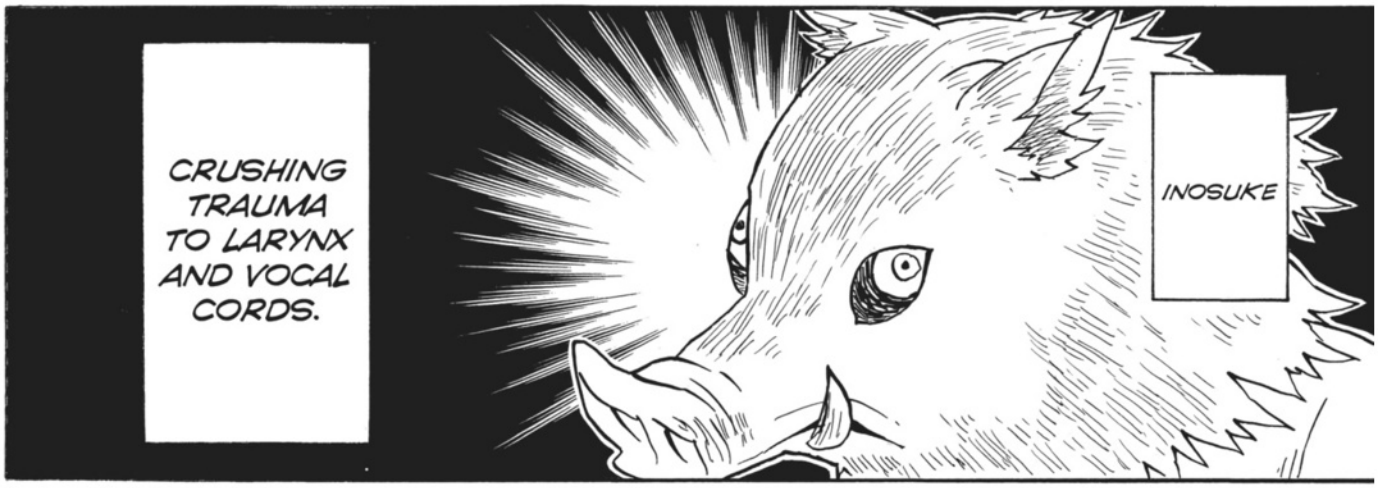
APPARENTLY, HIS THROAT GOT CRUSHED.
WHAAAT?!

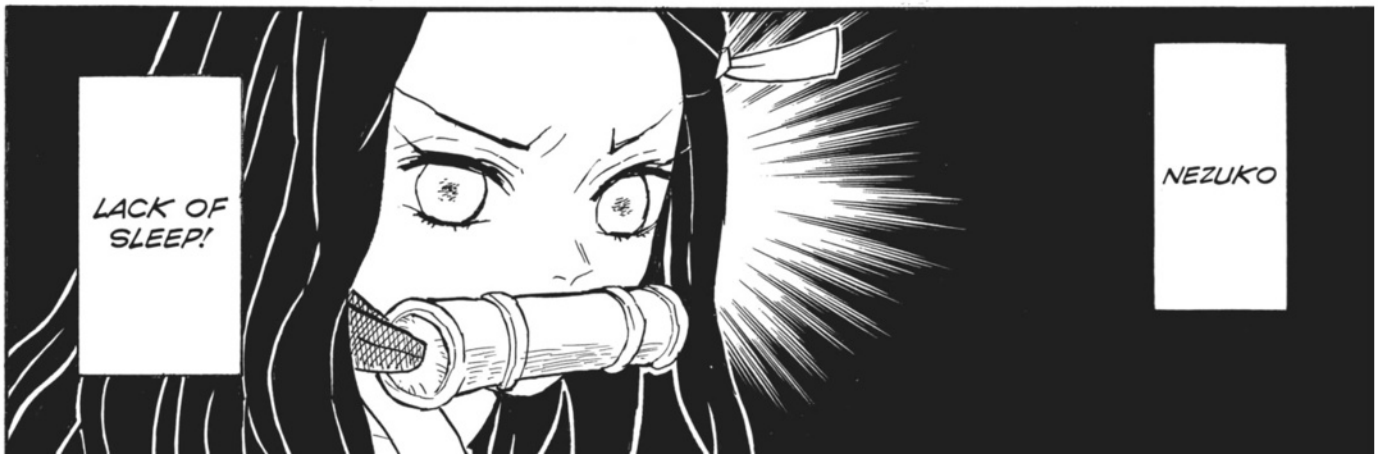

WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING LIKE A WEIRDO? WHAT HAPPENED?
BWONG

I THINK HE'S DEPRESSED. HE'S TOTALLY MELLOW, WHICH IS REALLY FUNNY.
WEE HEE HEE!

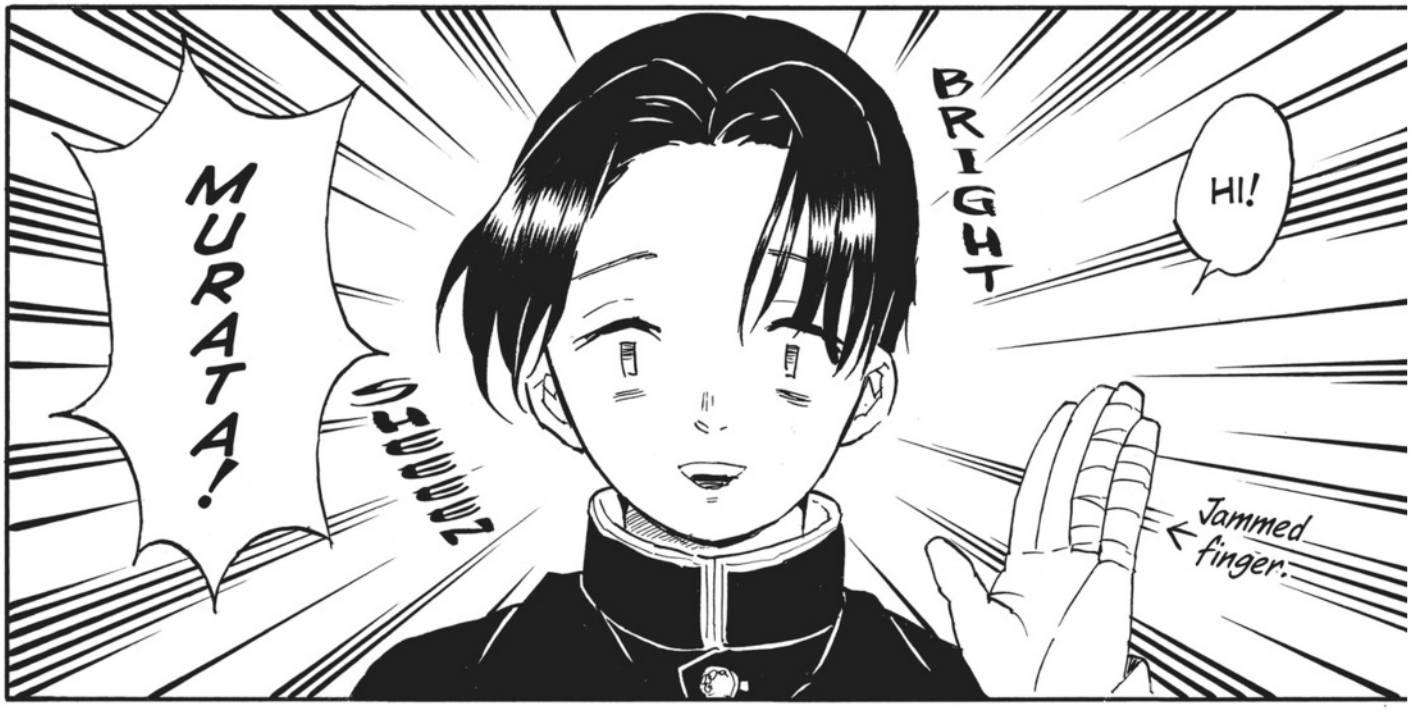
TANJIRO
MULTIPLE CUTS AND ABRASIONS ON FACE, ARMS AND LEGS.
SPRAINS ALL OVER HIS BODY, PLUS PULLED MUSCLES AND CONTUSIONS ON HIS LOWER JAW.

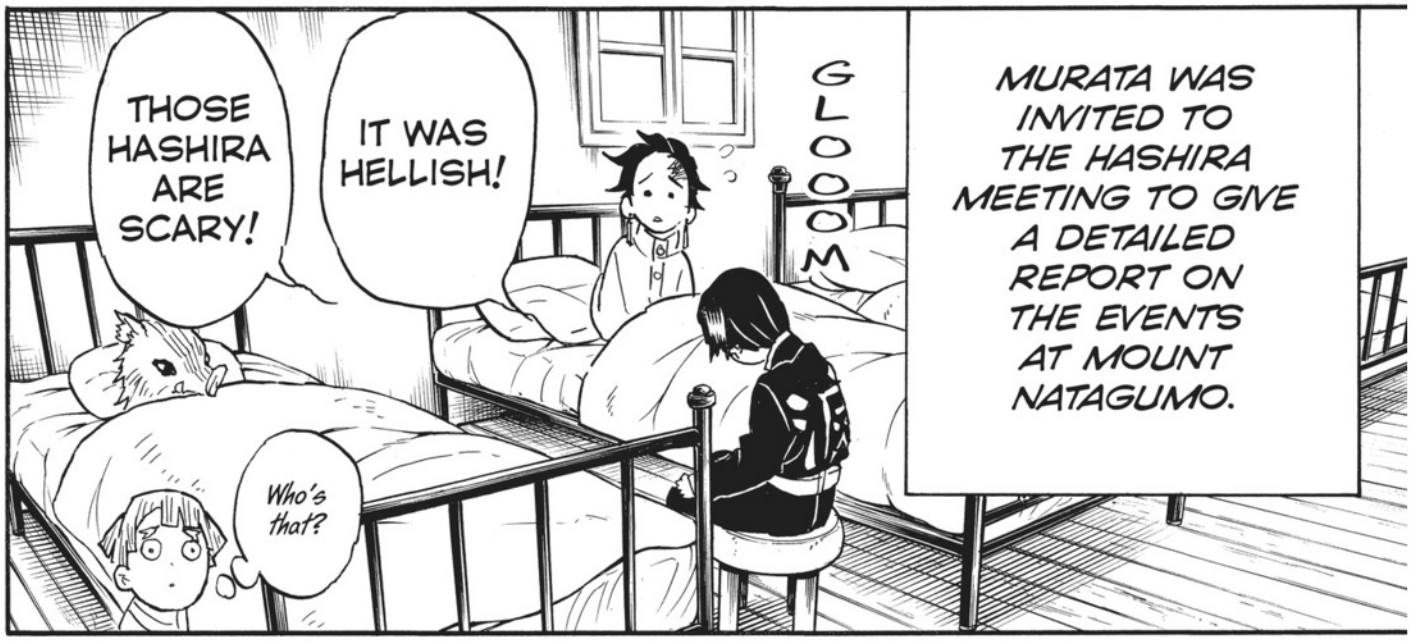
ZENITSU
POISONED BY DEMON-SPIDER VENOM.
NUMBNESS IN RIGHT ARM AND LEG.
TREMBLING IN LEFT ARM.


INOSUKE
CRUSHING TRAUMA TO LARYNX AND VOCAL CORDS.


NEZUKO
LACK OF SLEEP!

UUNGH...
TANJIRO SUFFERED THROUGH GREAT PAIN.
ZZZ
NEZUKO SLEPT A LOT.
THE FOUR WERE ABLE TO REST AND RECOVER IN BUTTERFLY MANSION.
SEE YA!
INOSUKE WAS EXTREMELY DEPRESSED.
SORRY FOR BEING...
...SO WEAK.
ZENITSU FUSSED MORE THAN EVERYONE ELSE COMBINED.
HAVE I HAD MY LUNCHTIME MEDICINE?!
DID ANYONE SEE ME TAKE IT?!
OH!
UNTIL A VISITOR CAME.
EACH DAY, THE SAME THING.
YOU WERE AWESOME!
HANG IN THERE, INOSUKE!
BUT THE OTHER TWO ENCOUR-AGED HIM.
YOU'RE GREAT!


BRIGHT
HI!
Jammed finger.
GUWWUZ
MURATA!


MURATA WAS INVITED TO THE HASHIRA MEETING TO GIVE A DETAILED REPORT ON THE EVENTS AT MOUNT NATAGUMO.
GLOOM
IT WAS HELLISH!
THOSE HASHIRA ARE SCARY!
Who's that?

THEY WERE ALL ANGRY. THEY SAID CORPS FIGHTERS THESE DAYS ARE DROPPING IN QUALITY.
NGH
UGH
IT SEEMS SOME OF THOSE SENT TO MOUNT NATAGUMO DIDN'T OBEY ORDERS. SO THEY ASKED ME WHO THEIR TRAINERS WERE.
NGH
UGH
NGH
UGH
NGH

HELLO!
WHEN SHINOBU ARRIVED, MURATA LEFT IMMEDIATELY.
GOTTA GO! SEE YA!
WOOSH
GRUMP
GRUMP
GRUMP
GRUMP
GRUMP
ALL HE DID WAS COMPLAIN.
I'M FEELING A LOT BETTER.
I gotta pee.
THANK YOU FOR ASKING.
BOW
SMILE
HOW ARE YOU ALL FEELING?
"REHABILITATION...."?
SOMETHING WAS ABOUT TO START.
BEAM
THEN IT'S ABOUT TIME TO START REHABILITATION TRAINING!
GRIN

TAISHO RUMORS
Aoi
SWIFF
SWIK
I hear Aoi was the one who repaired Nezuko's box. She's got skills!

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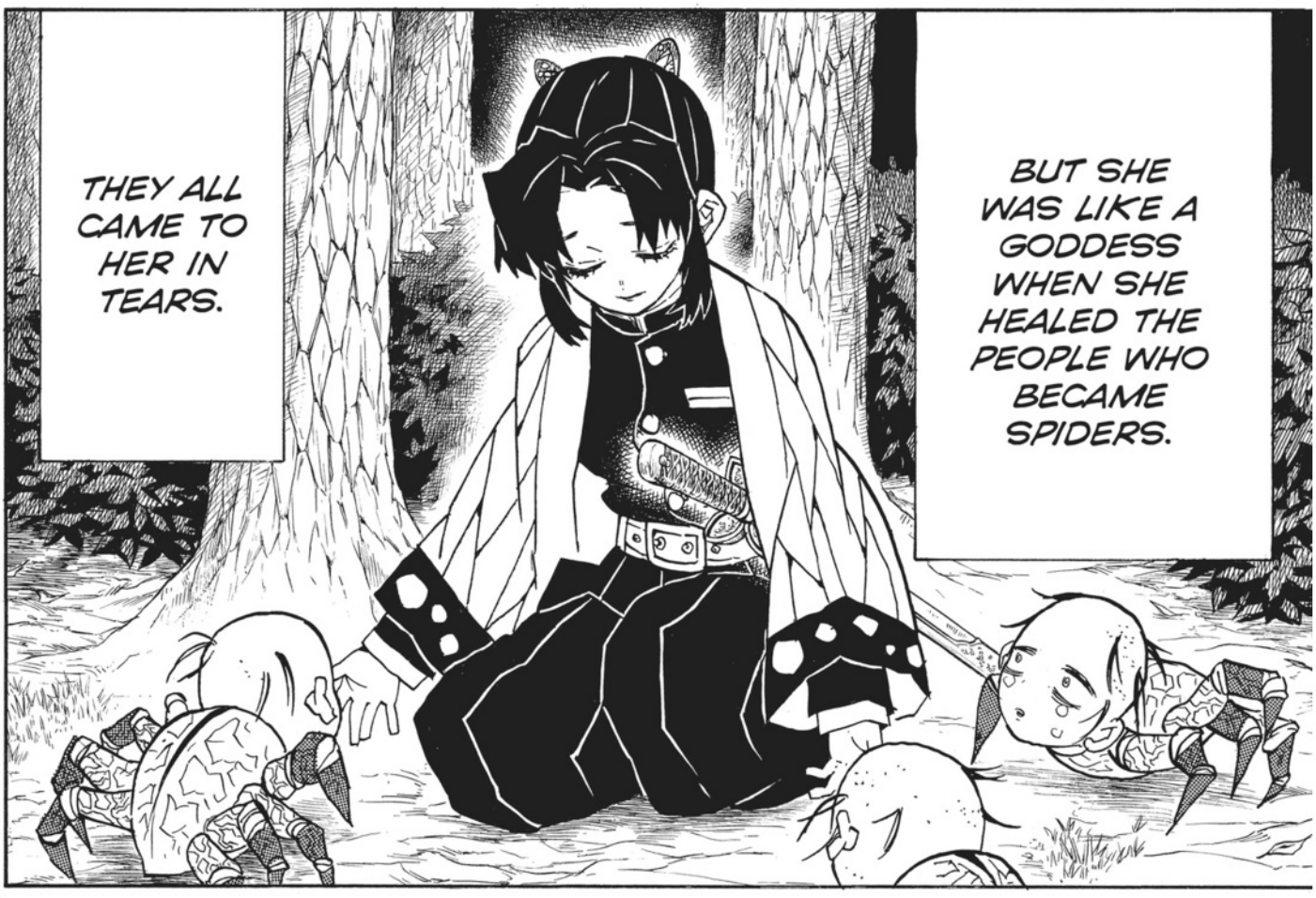
BEAM
SHINE
MY ARMS AND LEGS ARE STILL REALLY SHORT...
... BECAUSE I ALMOST BECAME A SPIDER.
I'M RECOVERING BY TAKING LOTS OF MEDICINE AND GETTING LOTS OF SUNLIGHT.
THEY SAY I'LL BE GOOD AS NEW...
...BUT I HEAR THAT THE PEOPLE WHO TRANSFORMED COMPLETELY MAY SUFFER AFTER-EFFECTS EVEN WHEN THEY'RE HUMAN AGAIN.

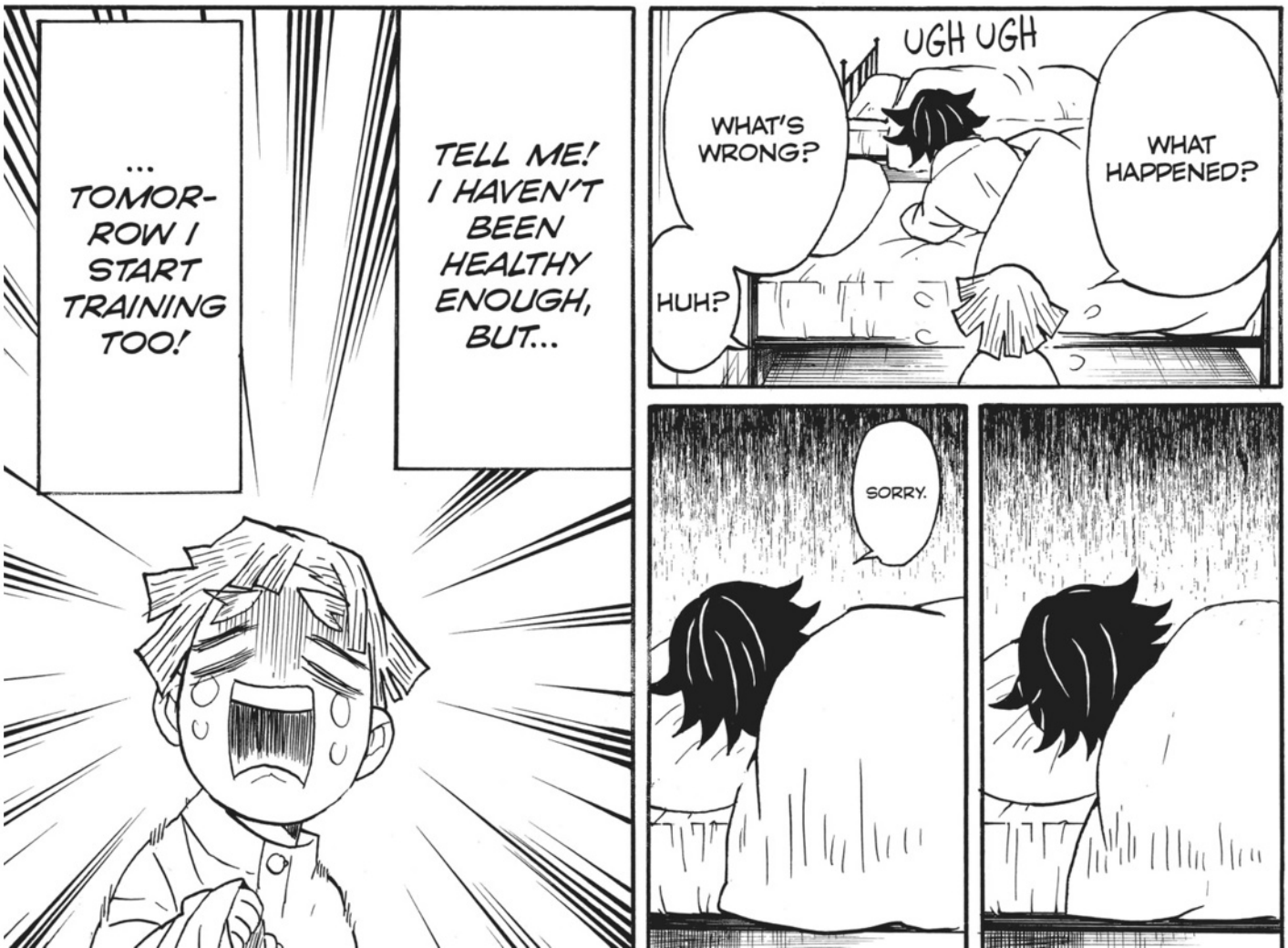
I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING LIKE THEM BEFORE.
BUT THEY'RE WEIRD, SO THEY'RE KINDA SCARY.
GLOW
THE SOUNDS THAT SHINOBU MAKES ARE UNIQUE.
BEAM
鏡

*MIRROR


THEY ALL CAME TO HER IN TEARS.
BUT SHE WAS LIKE A GODDESS WHEN SHE HEALED THE PEOPLE WHO BECAME SPIDERS.

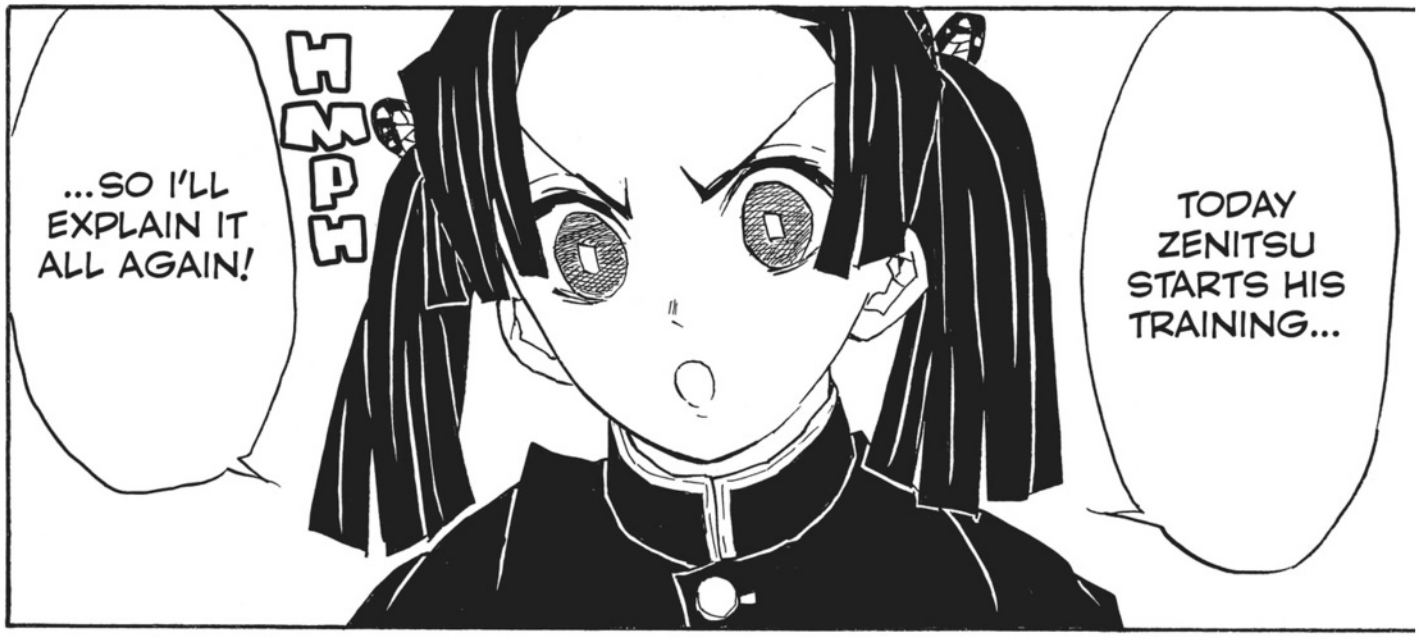
HER FACE IS SO BEAUTIFUL.
AND SHE'S REALLY ATTRACTIVE.

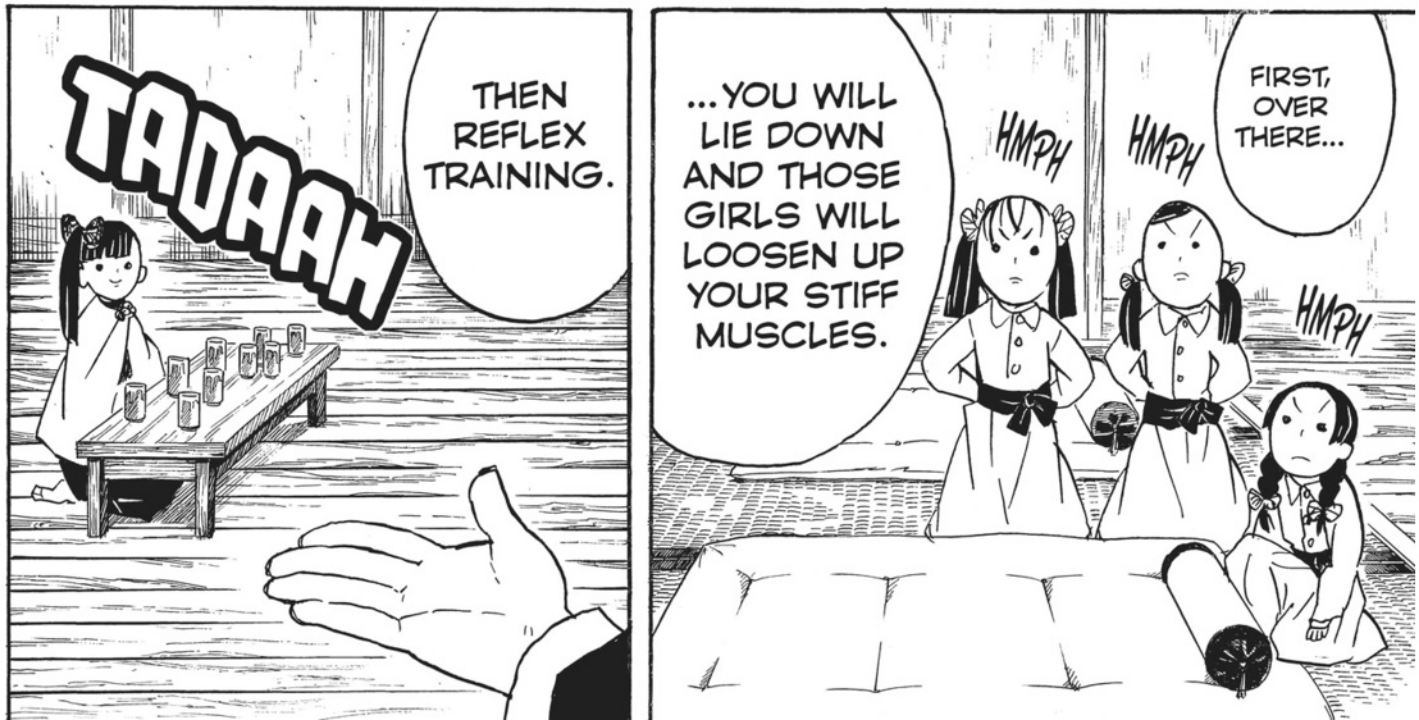
WRUNG OUT
BUT THEY ALWAYS CAME BACK LOOKING LIKE THIS.
STAGGER
EVERY DAY THAT GORGEOUS LADY TOOK TANJIRO AND INOSUKE FOR "REHABILITATION TRAINING" TO HELP THEIR BODIES REGAIN STRENGTH.
GASP
*MIRROR


... TOMORROW I START TRAINING TOO!
TELL ME! I HAVEN'T BEEN HEALTHY ENOUGH, BUT...
UGH UGH
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT HAPPENED?
HUH?
SORRY.

THE TRAIN-ING ROOM.

THE NEXT DAY.
I'm scared ...
I'm scared ...


TODAY ZENITSU STARTS HIS TRAINING...
HMPH
...SO I'LL EXPLAIN IT ALL AGAIN!


FIRST, OVER THERE...
HMPH
HMPH
HMPH
...YOU WILL LIE DOWN AND THOSE GIRLS WILL LOOSEN UP YOUR STIFF MUSCLES.
THEN REFLEX TRAINING.
TADAAH

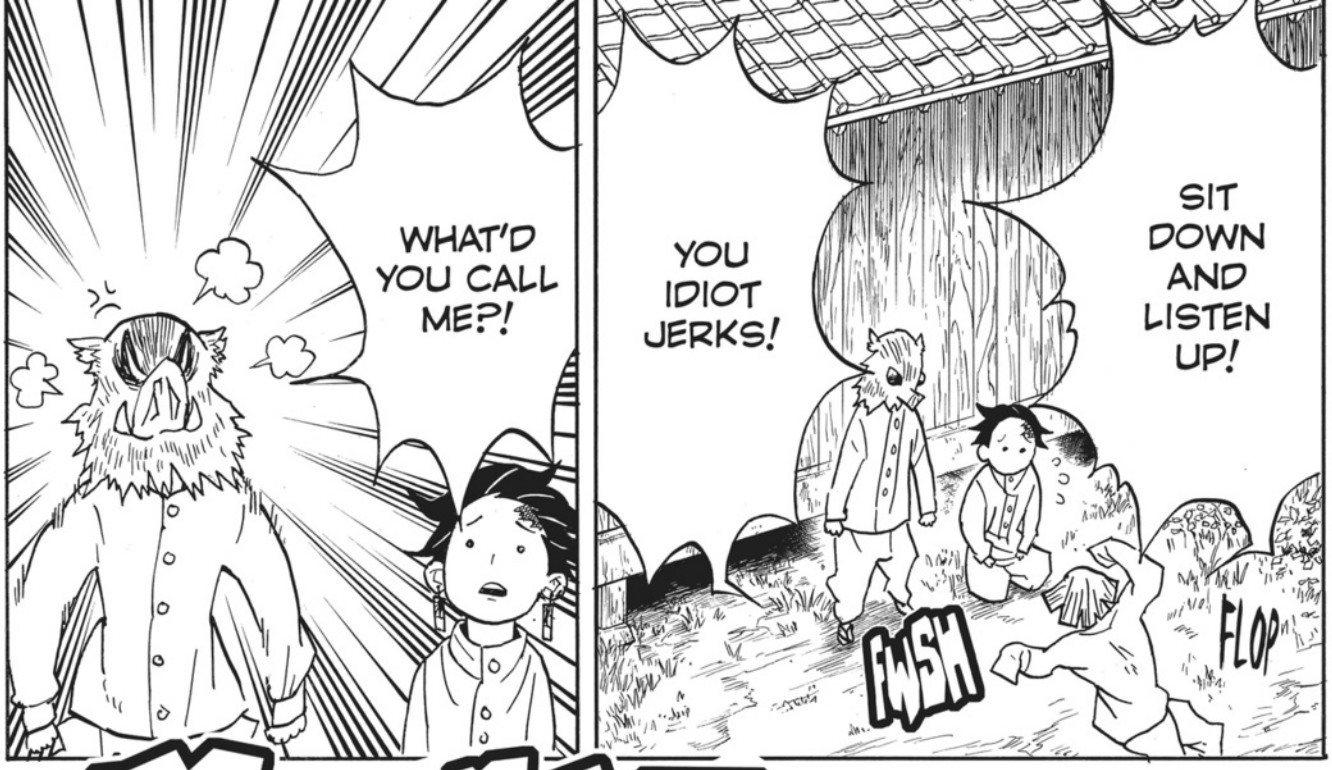
EACH OF THESE CUPS CONTAINS MEDICINAL TEA THAT CAN BE APPLIED TOPICALLY.
YOU WILL COMPETE TO SEE WHO HAS TO TAKE THE MEDICINE.
IF YOUR OPPONENT HOLDS DOWN YOUR CUP BEFORE YOU CAN RAISE IT, THEN YOU HAVE TO "DRINK."

FINALLY, FULL-BODY TRAINING.
HMPH
SIMPLY PUT, WE PLAY TAG.
YOUR OPPONENTS ARE ME AND KANAO OVER THERE.

EXCUSE ME, MAY WE HAVE A MOMENT?

SCUMP
GLOOM
...

?
NO, IT'S JUST...
NOPE.
COME ON, YOU TWO.
?
DO YOU HAVE A QUES-TION?
I'M TELLING YOU...
...TO JUST COME WITH ME!
YOU SCUM! YOU TRASH!
COME ON! GRAH!
PRRAAG
WHUH?
?!

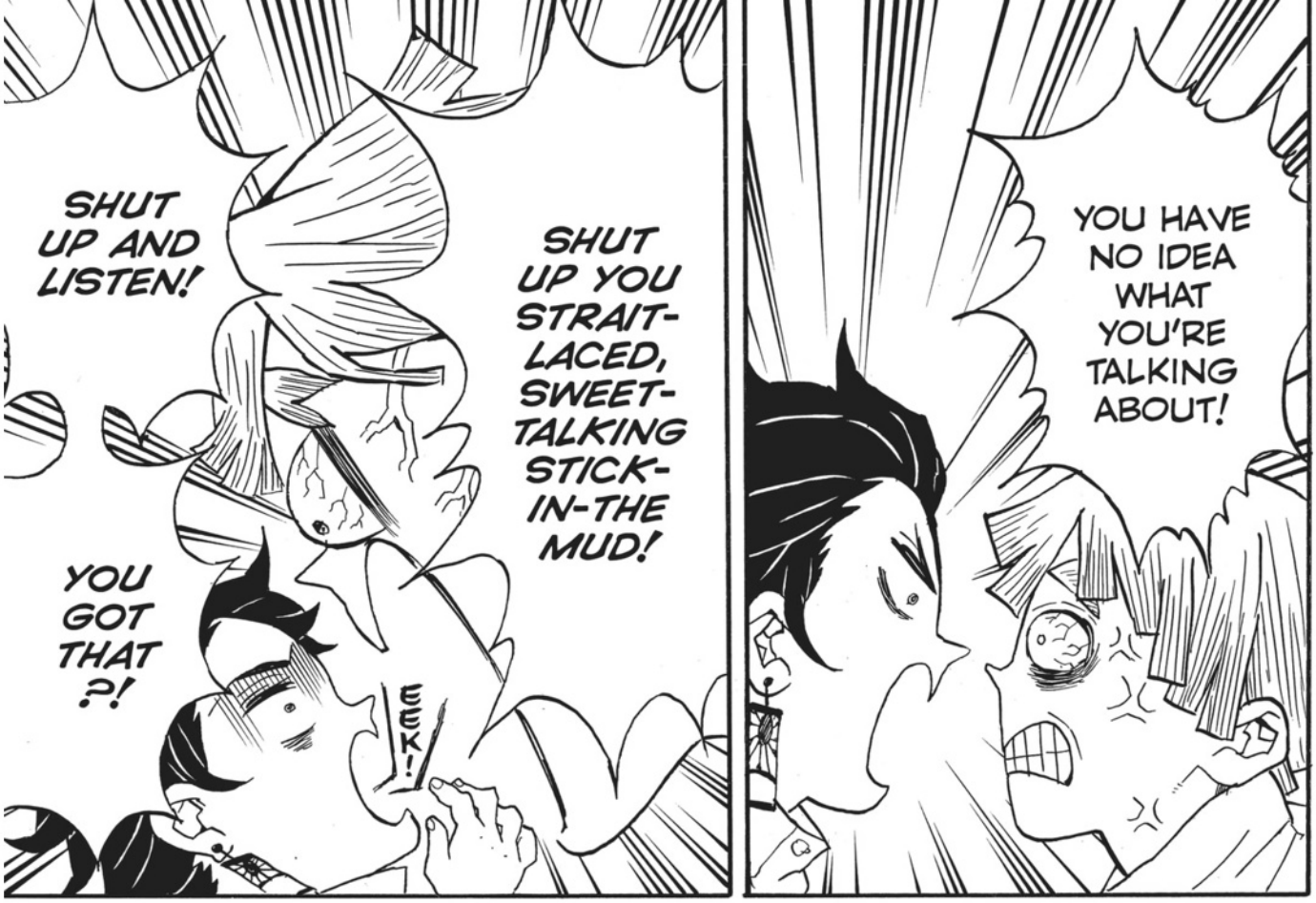

WHAT'D YOU CALL ME?!
YOU IDIOT JERKS!
SIT DOWN AND LISTEN UP!
FWSH
FLOP

# TWO

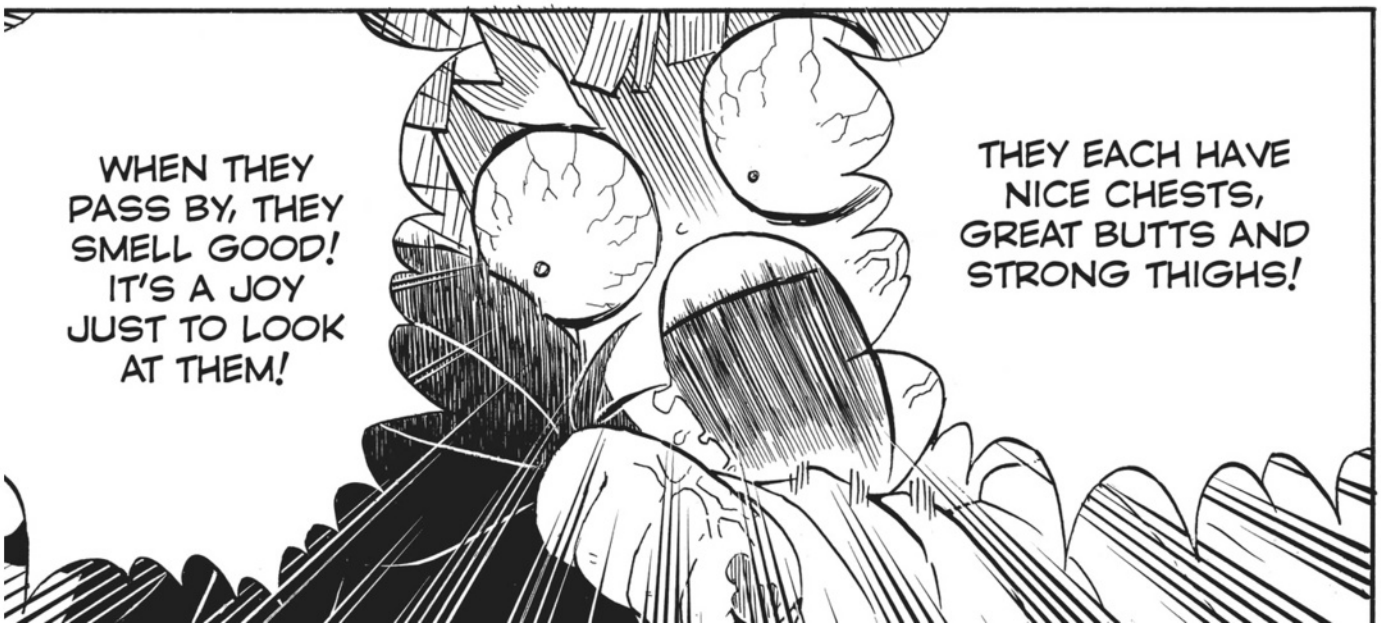
TELL INOSUKE YOU'RE SORRY!!
GRRR
ZENITSU! WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR?!

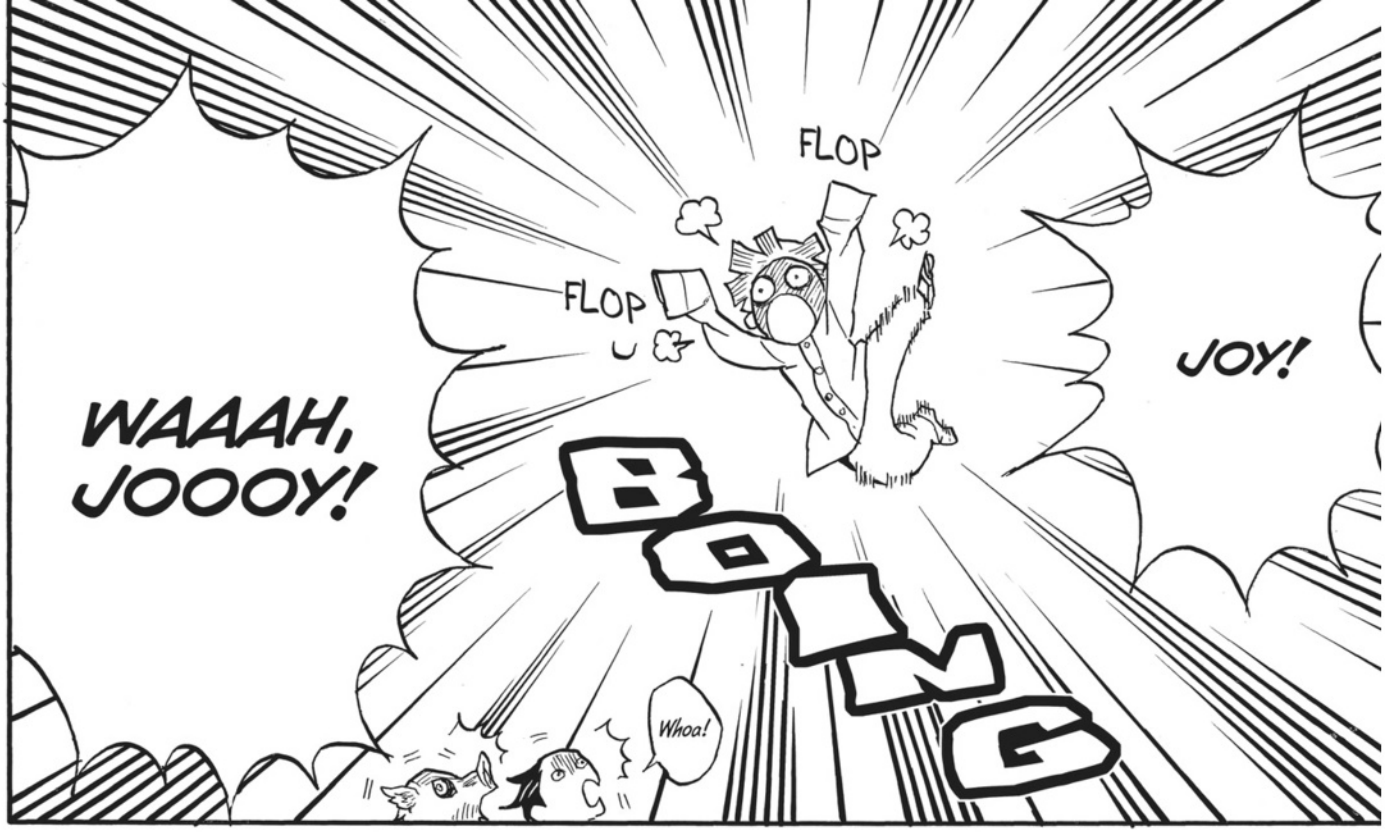
WHY DID YOU COME BACK EVERY DAY ACTING LIKE YOU'D BEEN THROUGH HELL WHEN YOU WERE ACTUALLY IN HEAVEN?!
YOU SAY YOU'RE SORRY!
YOU GUYS SHOULD APOLOGIZE!

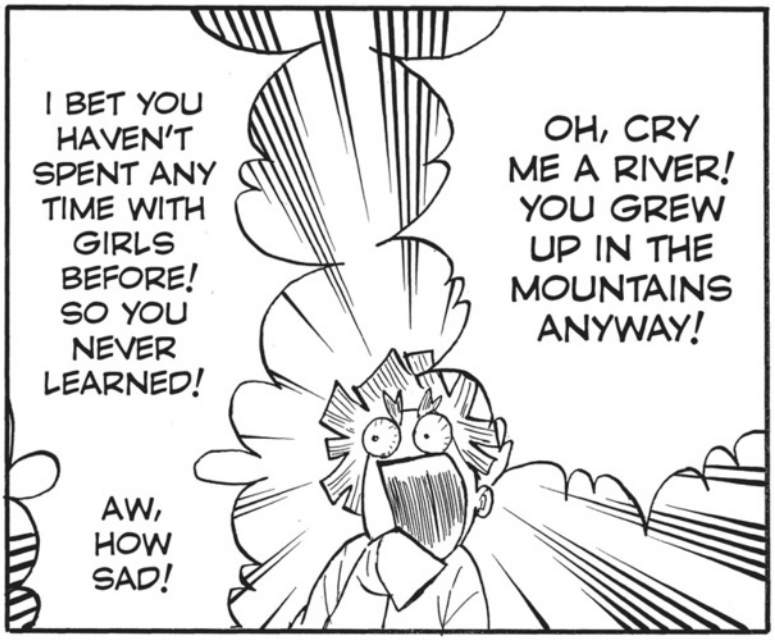
BOW DOWN DEEPLY AND APOLOGIZE! OFFER TO COMMIT SEPPUKU!
FWUP
FWIP
HOP
SWISH
YOU WERE HAVING A JOLLY TIME PLAYING GAMES WITH GIRLS, BUT EVERY DAY YOU CAME BACK LOOKING WRECKED!

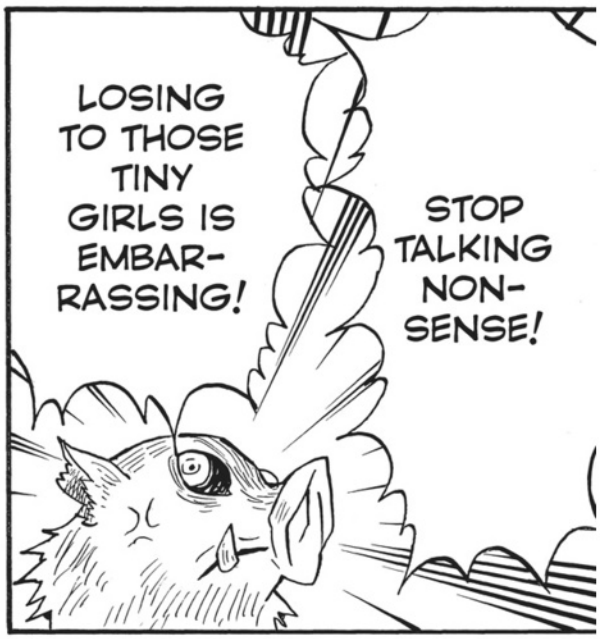

SHUT UP AND LISTEN!
SHUT UP YOU STRAIT-LACED, SWEET-TALKING STICK-IN-THE MUD!
YOU GOT THAT?!
EEK!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

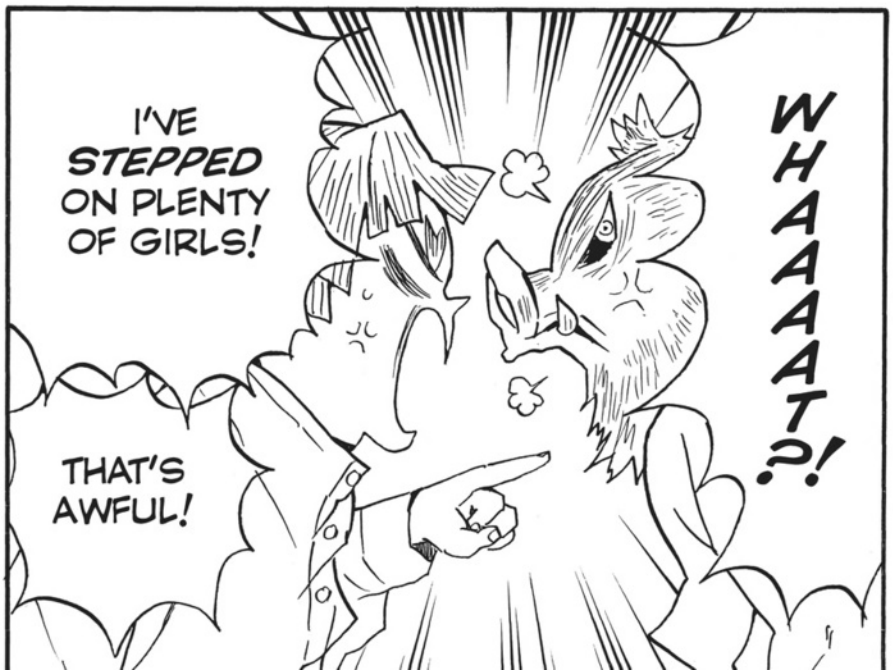
WHEN WE PLAY TAG, WE CAN *GRAB* THEM!
THEY'RE GONNA *MASSAGE* OUR BODIES! WHEN WE PLAY WITH THE CUPS, OUR HANDS WILL TOUCH!
WE GET TO *TOUCH* THE GIRLS!


WHEN THEY PASS BY, THEY SMELL GOOD! IT'S A JOY JUST TO LOOK AT THEM!
THEY EACH HAVE NICE CHESTS, GREAT BUTTS AND STRONG THIGHS!


FLOP
FLOP
JOY!
WAAAH, JOOOY!
BOING
Whoa!

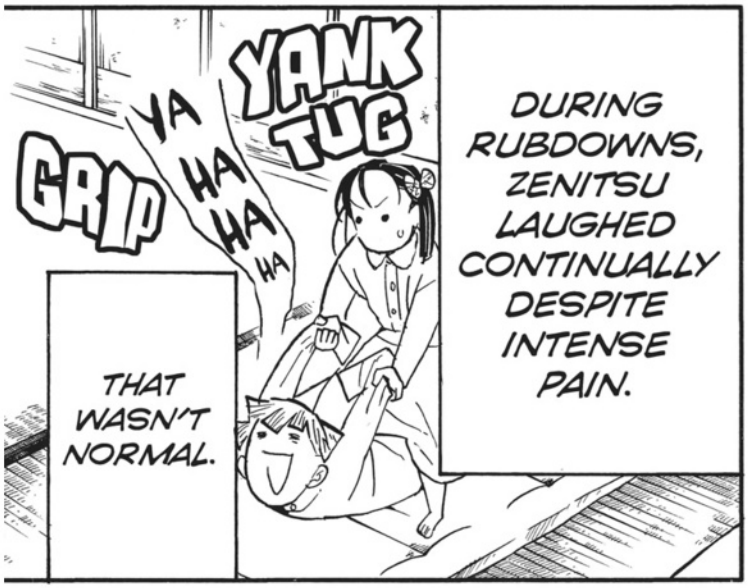

I BET YOU HAVEN'T SPENT ANY TIME WITH GIRLS BEFORE! SO YOU NEVER LEARNED!
OH, CRY ME A RIVER! YOU GREW UP IN THE MOUNTAINS ANYWAY!
AW, HOW SAD!

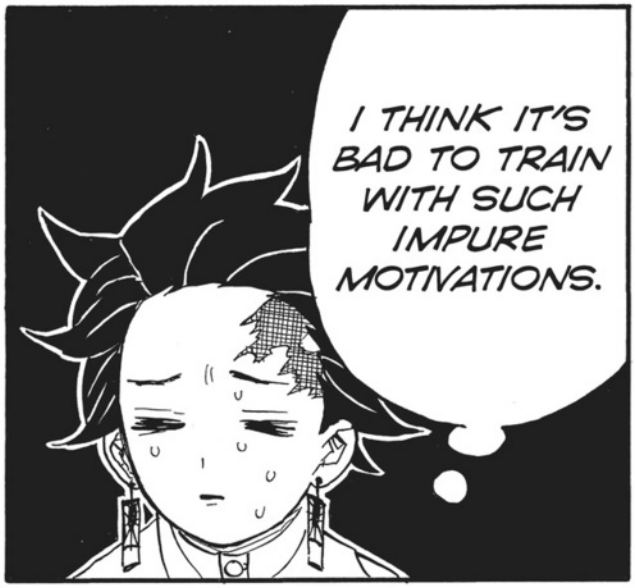

LOSING TO THOSE TINY GIRLS IS EMBAR-RASSING!
STOP TALKING NON-SENSE!


I'VE *STEPPED* ON PLENTY OF GIRLS!
THAT'S AWFUL!
WHAAAAT?!

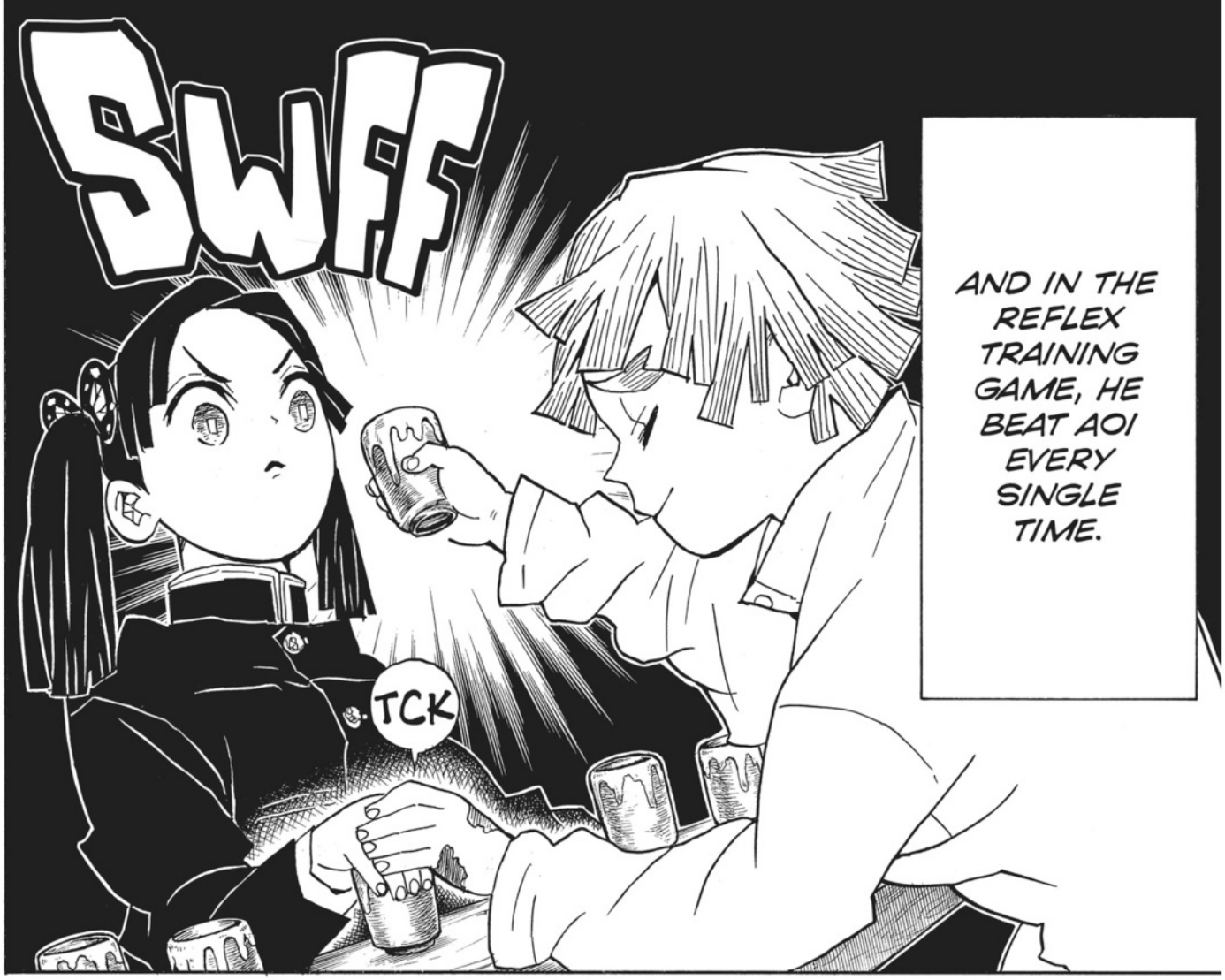
SNORT

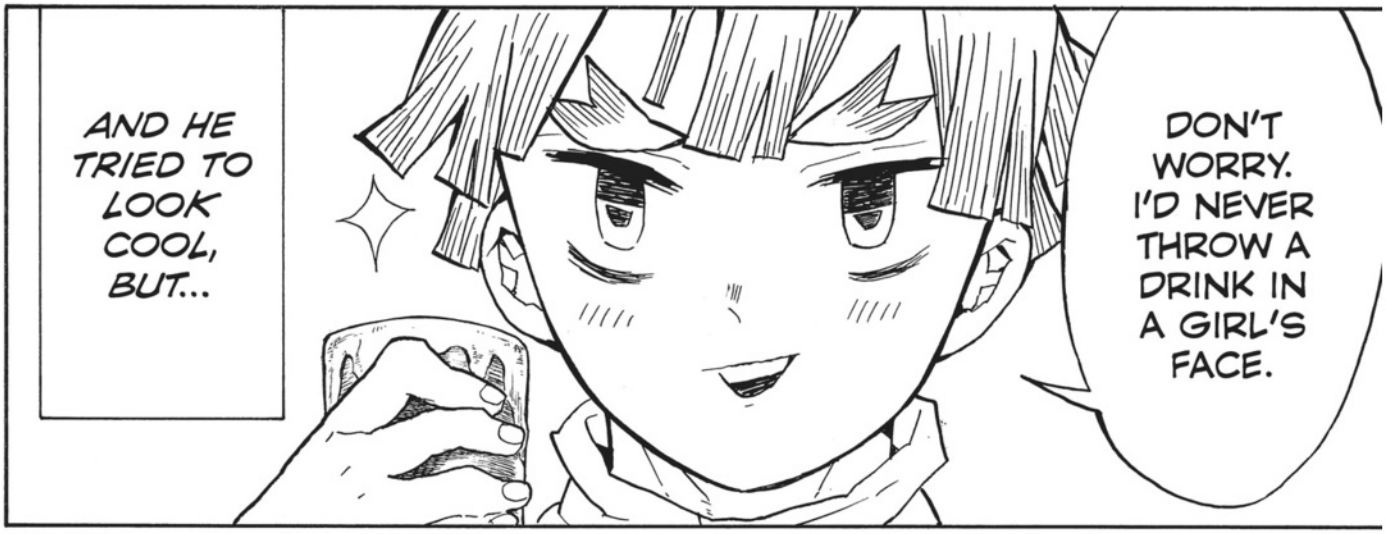
GWOO
FOR BETTER OR WORSE, ZENITSU'S PARTICIPATION RAISED THE STAKES.
THEY BOTH GOT EXTREMELY FOCUSED.
BUT NOT ME.


DURING RUBDOWNS, ZENITSU LAUGHED CONTINUALLY DESPITE INTENSE PAIN.
YANK TUG
YA HA HA HA
GRIP
THAT WASN'T NORMAL.


I THINK IT'S BAD TO TRAIN WITH SUCH IMPURE MOTIVATIONS.

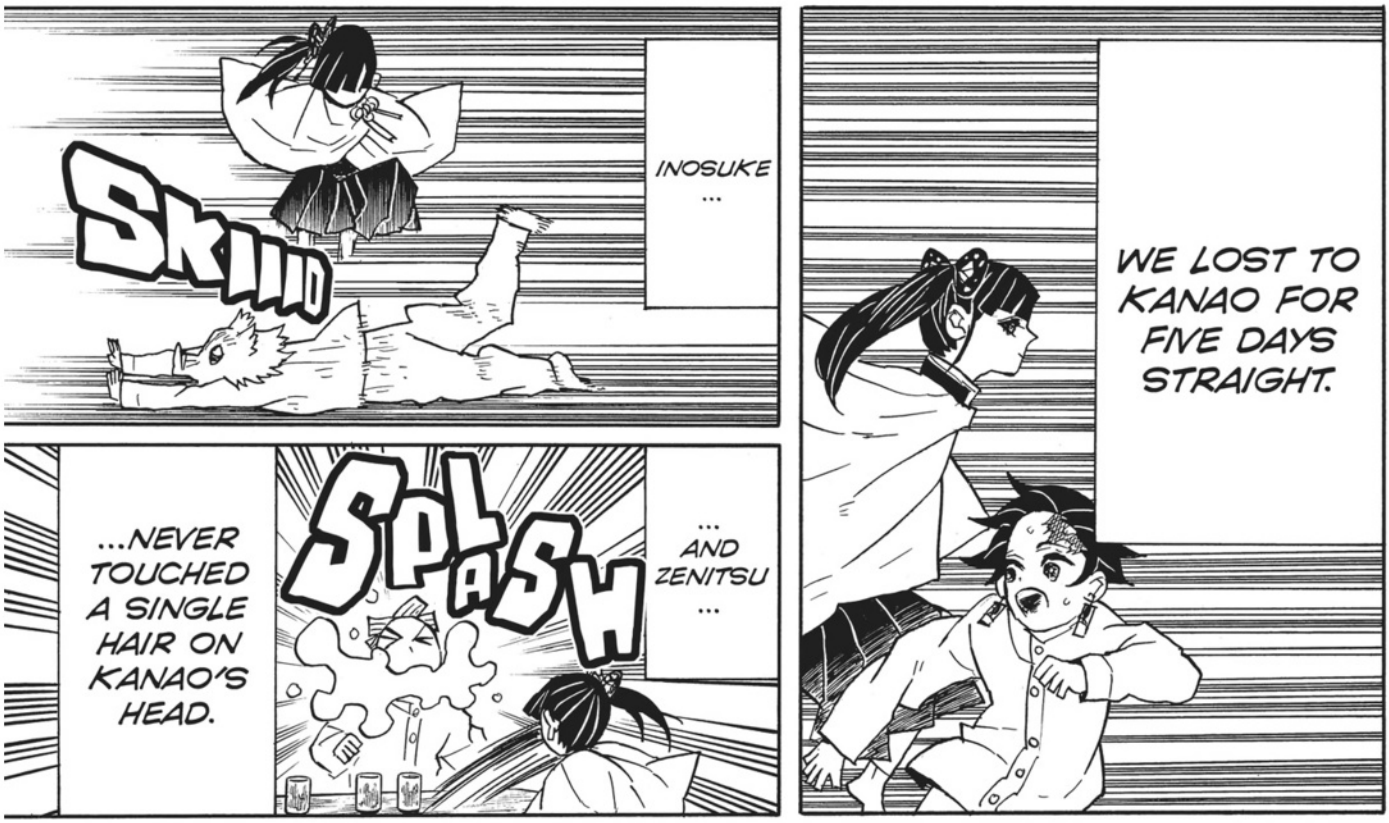
...HE MEANT EVERY WORD. THAT HURT SO BAD I CRIED, BUT HE'S LAUGHING.
WELL, I'LL SAY THIS...
HMMM

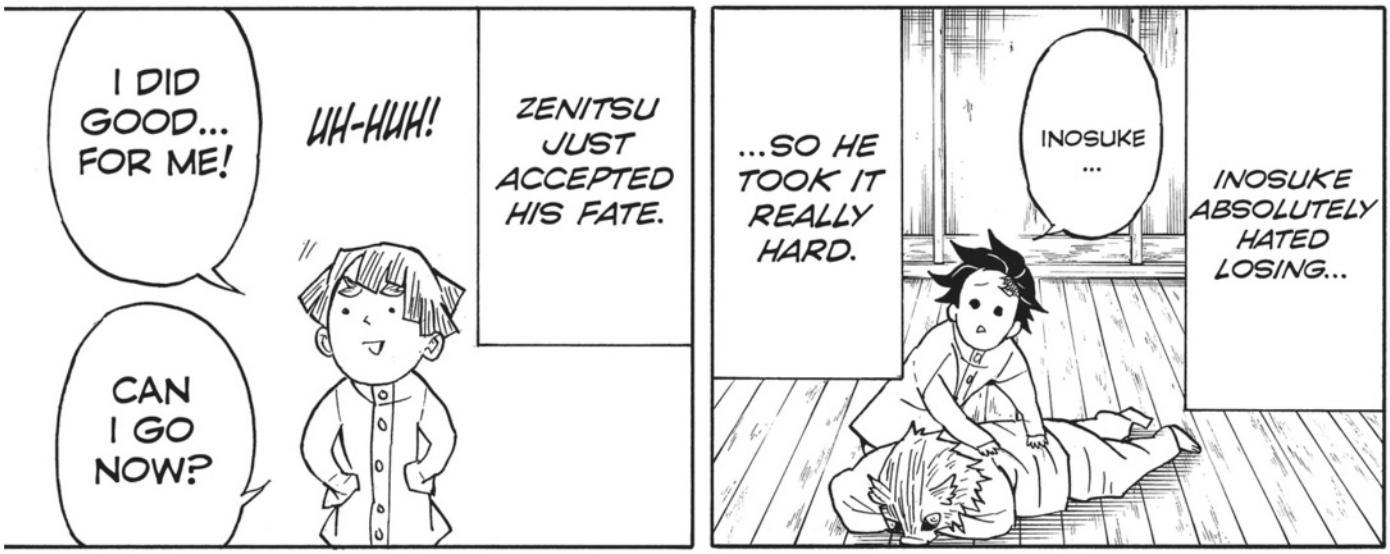

SWF
TCK
AND IN THE REFLEX TRAINING GAME, HE BEAT AOI EVERY SINGLE TIME.


AND HE TRIED TO LOOK COOL, BUT...
DON'T WORRY. I'D NEVER THROW A DRINK IN A GIRL'S FACE.

THE GIRLS HAD A FLINTY LOOK IN THEIR EYES.
...HE SPOKE TOO LOUDLY, SO EVERYONE OVERHEARD.

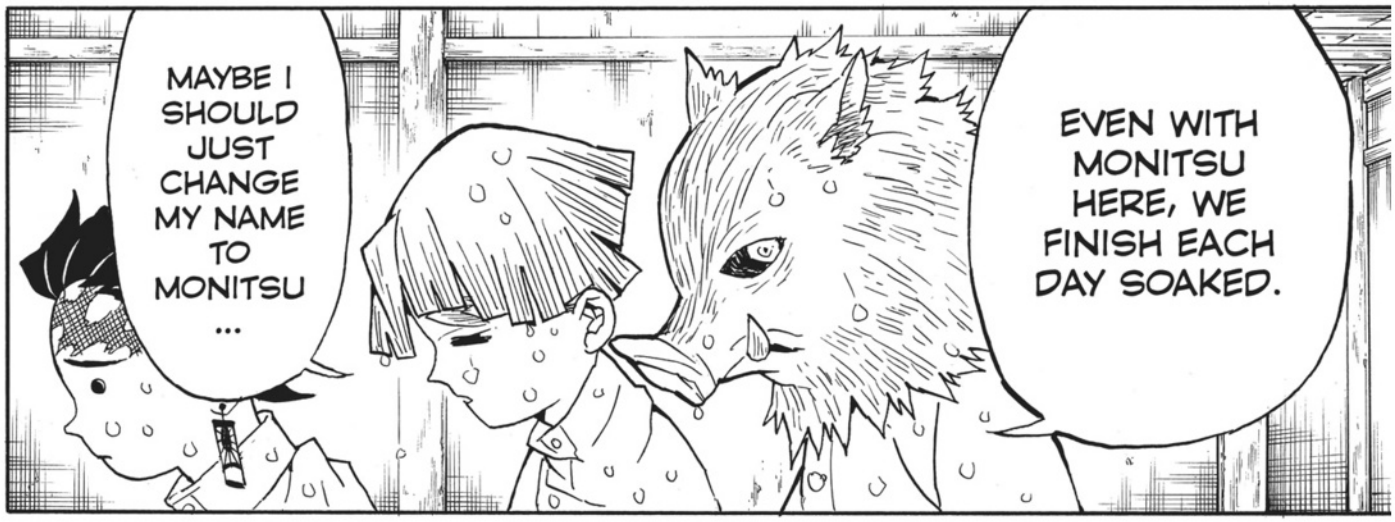
I WON THE GAME...
...BUT LOST THE FIGHT!
HAOB
ACHE
...HE DIDN'T GET TO ENJOY IT.
WAHOOO!
GLOM
HE ALSO WON DURING THE FULL-BODY TAG TRAINING, BUT...
OW!
HRAAAH!
SPLASH
GRAAAH!
MEAN-WHILE, INOSUKE HATED TO LOSE.
...THAT WAS ALL THAT WENT SMOOTHLY FOR ZENITSU AND INOSUKE.
PLEASE, WATCH YOUR HANDS!
BUT...
WHOOP
WHOOP
Kyah! Put me down!
I'M SO EMBAR-RASSED.
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KEEPS LOSING.
DRIP DRIP
...

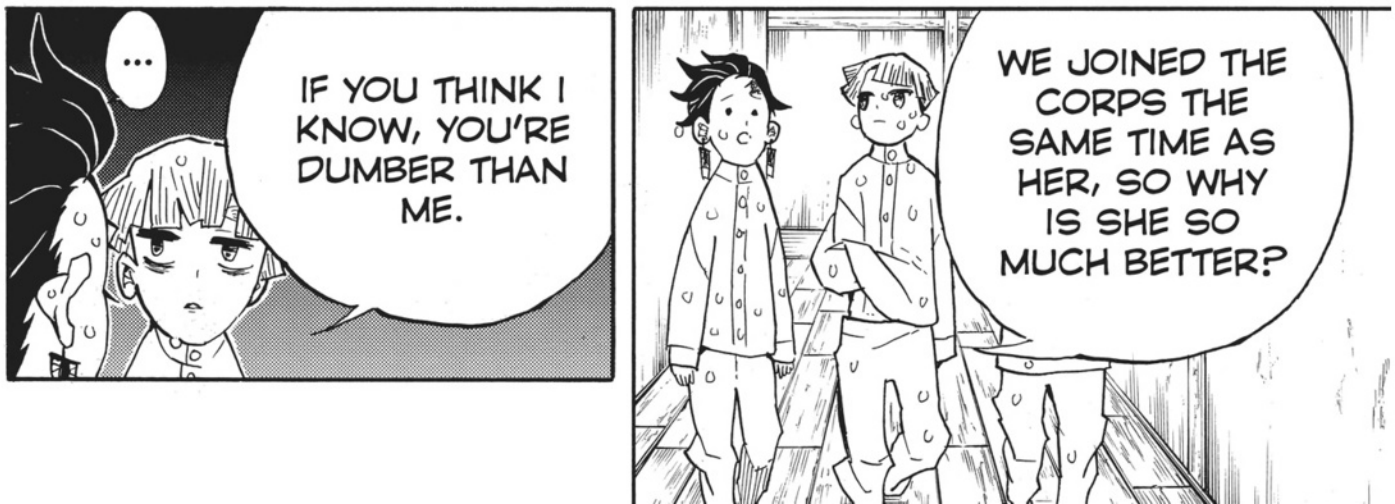

SKIID
INOSUKE ...
WE LOST TO KANAO FOR FIVE DAYS STRAIGHT.
...NEVER TOUCHED A SINGLE HAIR ON KANAO'S HEAD.
SPLASH
... AND ZENITSU ...


I DID GOOD... FOR ME!
UH-HUH!
ZENITSU JUST ACCEPTED HIS FATE.
CAN I GO NOW?
...SO HE TOOK IT REALLY HARD.
INOSUKE ...
INOSUKE ABSOLUTELY HATED LOSING...

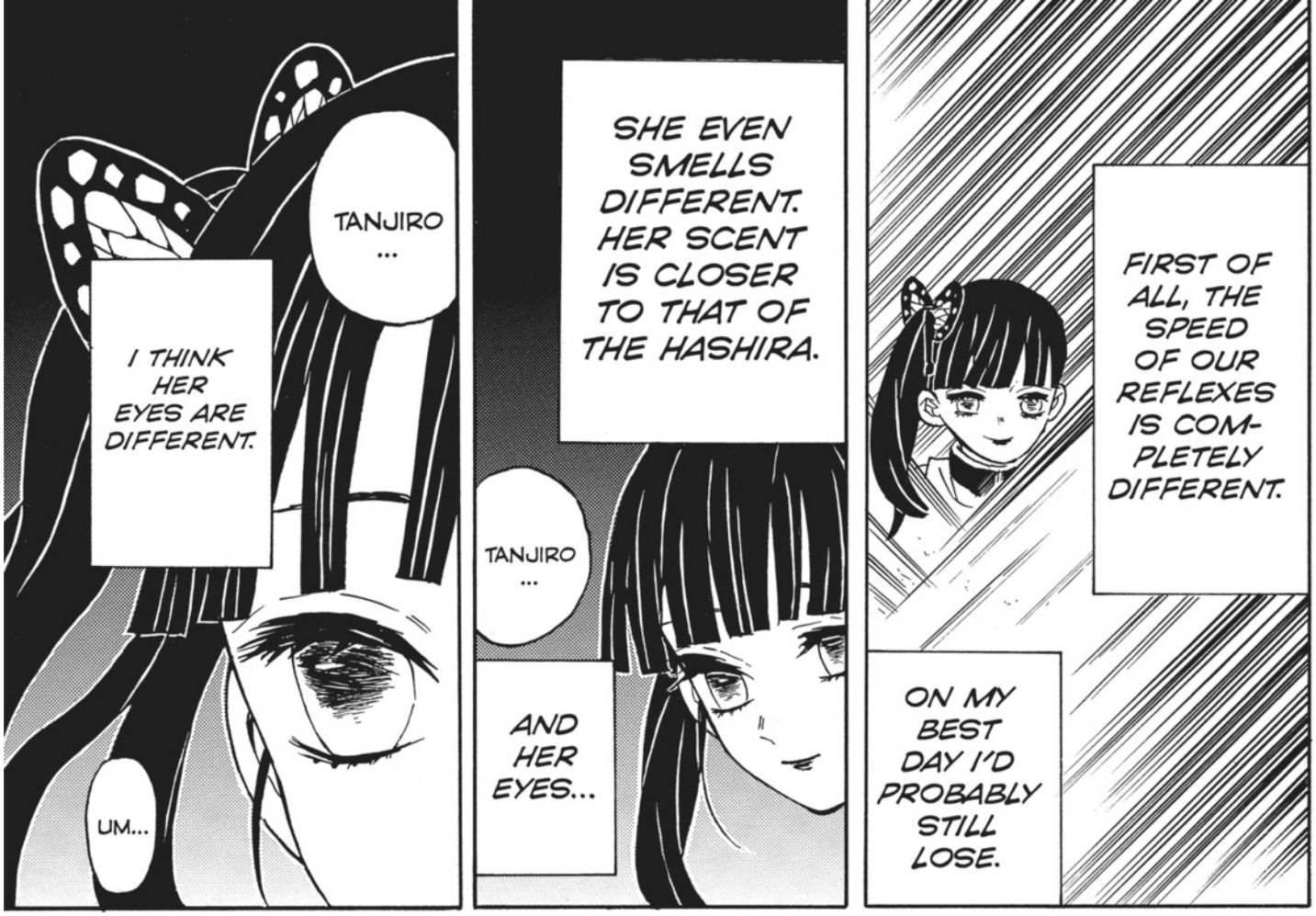
MAYBE THEY'LL COME TOMORROW ...
MAYBE.
JUST YOU?! I CAN'T BELIEVE THOSE TWO!
BOW
BOW
SORRY.
THEY BOTH STOPPED COMING TO THE TRAINING ROOM.

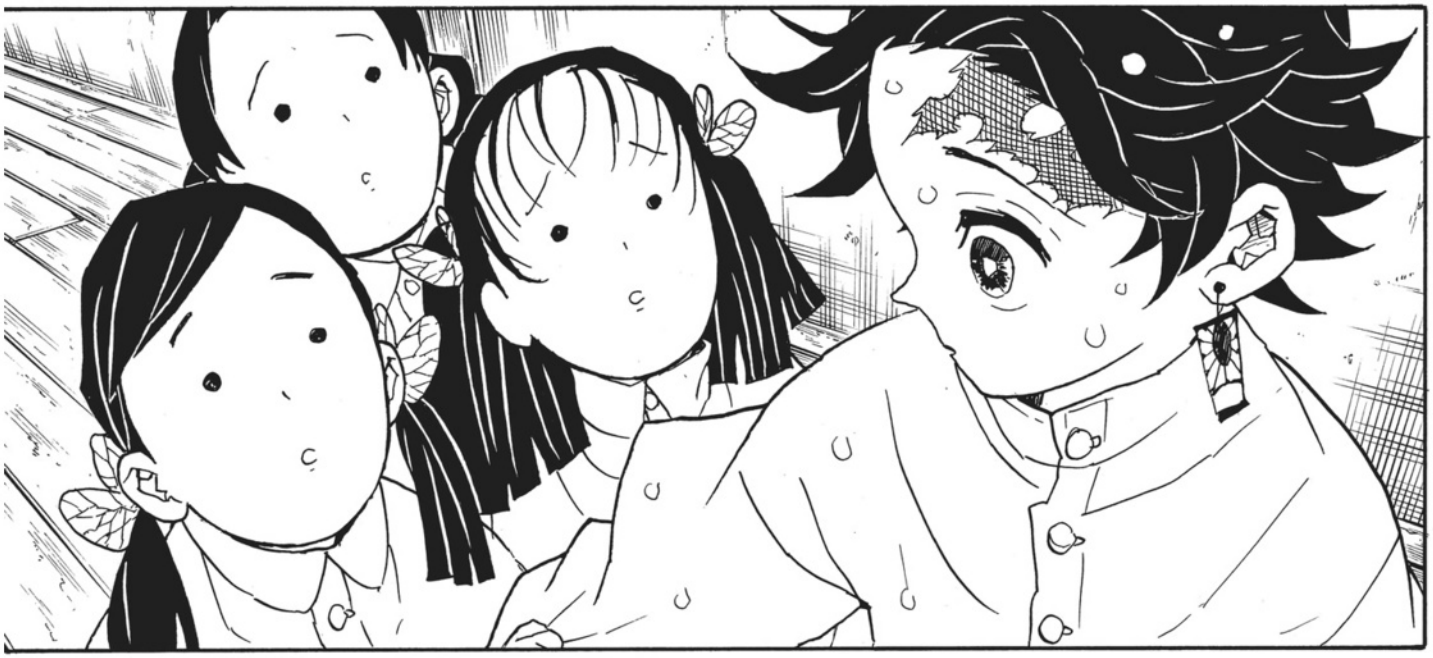
KANAO WAS UNBEAT-ABLE.
NO ONE COULD HOLD DOWN HER CUP OR DRENCH HER.

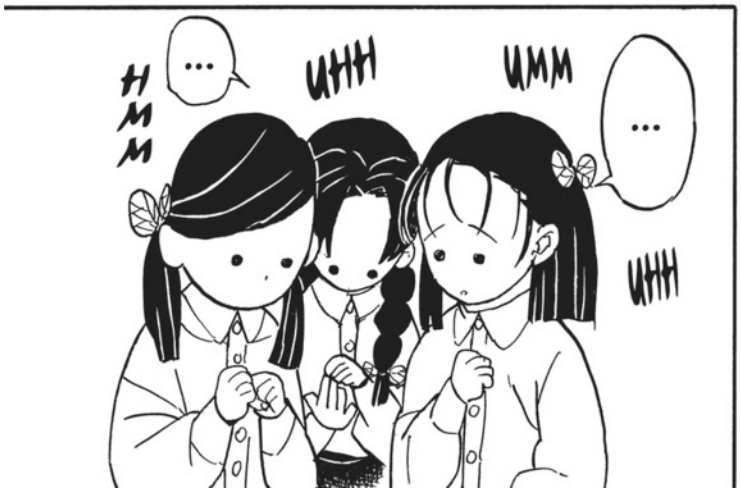

EVEN WITH MONITSU HERE, WE FINISH EACH DAY SOAKED.
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST CHANGE MY NAME TO MONITSU ...

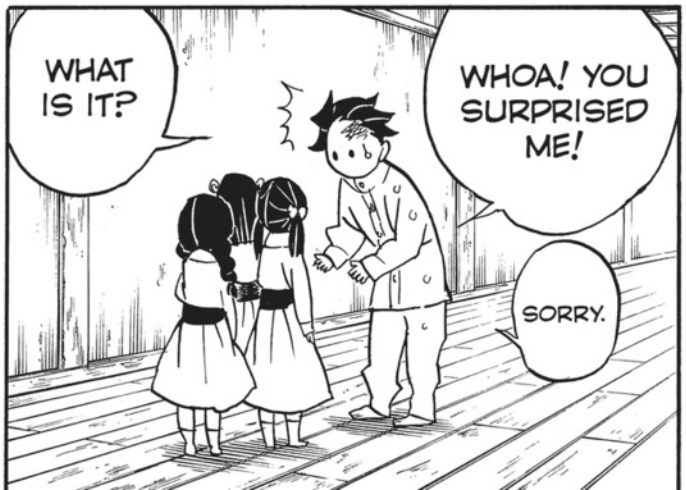

WE JOINED THE CORPS THE SAME TIME AS HER, SO WHY IS SHE SO MUCH BETTER?
IF YOU THINK I KNOW, YOU'RE DUMBER THAN ME.
...

GLOOM
GLOOM
...
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO COME, THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO EITHER!
NO! THERE'S NO NEED TO BOTHER WITH THEM ANY LONGER!
SKF
SKF
GOOD WORK TODAY...
I LOST FOR TEN MORE DAYS.
I WON'T GIVE UP!
I'LL WORK HARD FOR ALL OF US! THEN I'LL TEACH THEM HOW TO WIN!
WHAT ARE THE DIFFER-ENCES BETWEEN US?
WHY CAN'T I BEAT HER?

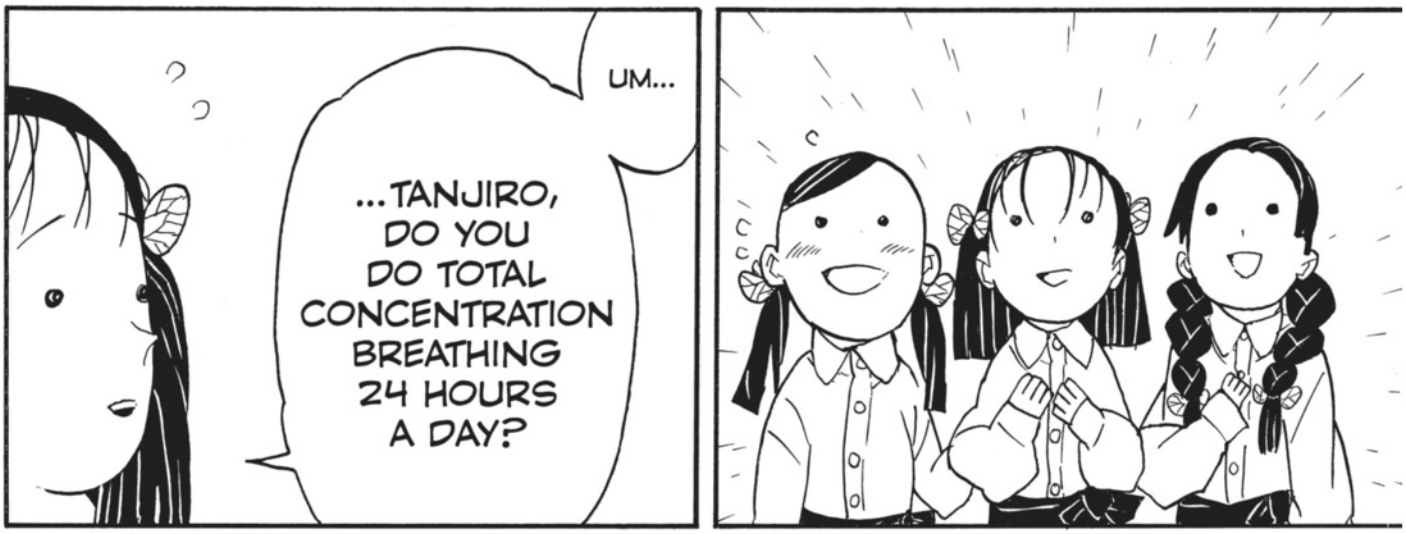

FIRST OF ALL, THE SPEED OF OUR REFLEXES IS COM-PLETELY DIFFERENT.
ON MY BEST DAY I'D PROBABLY STILL LOSE.
SHE EVEN SMELLS DIFFERENT. HER SCENT IS CLOSER TO THAT OF THE HASHIRA.
TANJIRO ...
AND HER EYES...
TANJIRO ...
I THINK HER EYES ARE DIFFERENT.
UM...

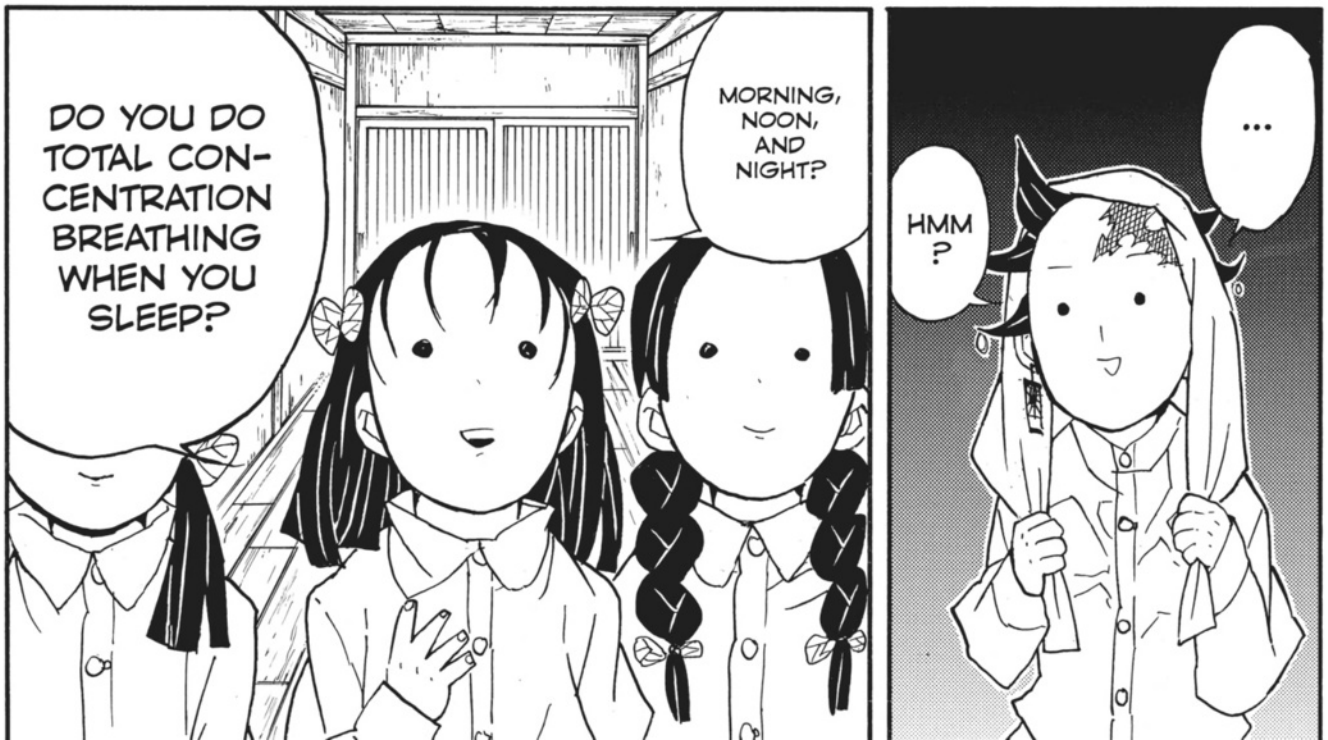



HMM
...
UHH
UMM
...
UHH

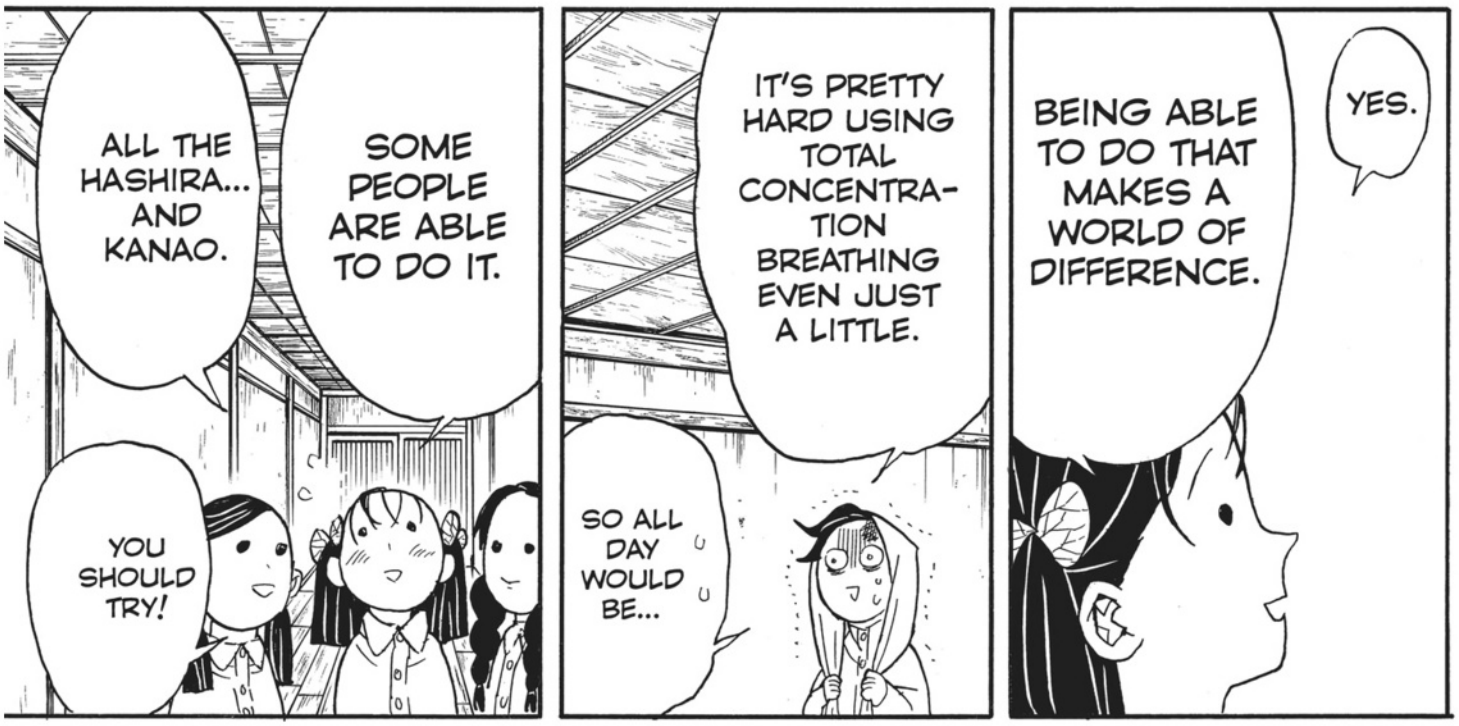

WHAT IS IT?
WHOA! YOU SURPRISED ME!
SORRY.

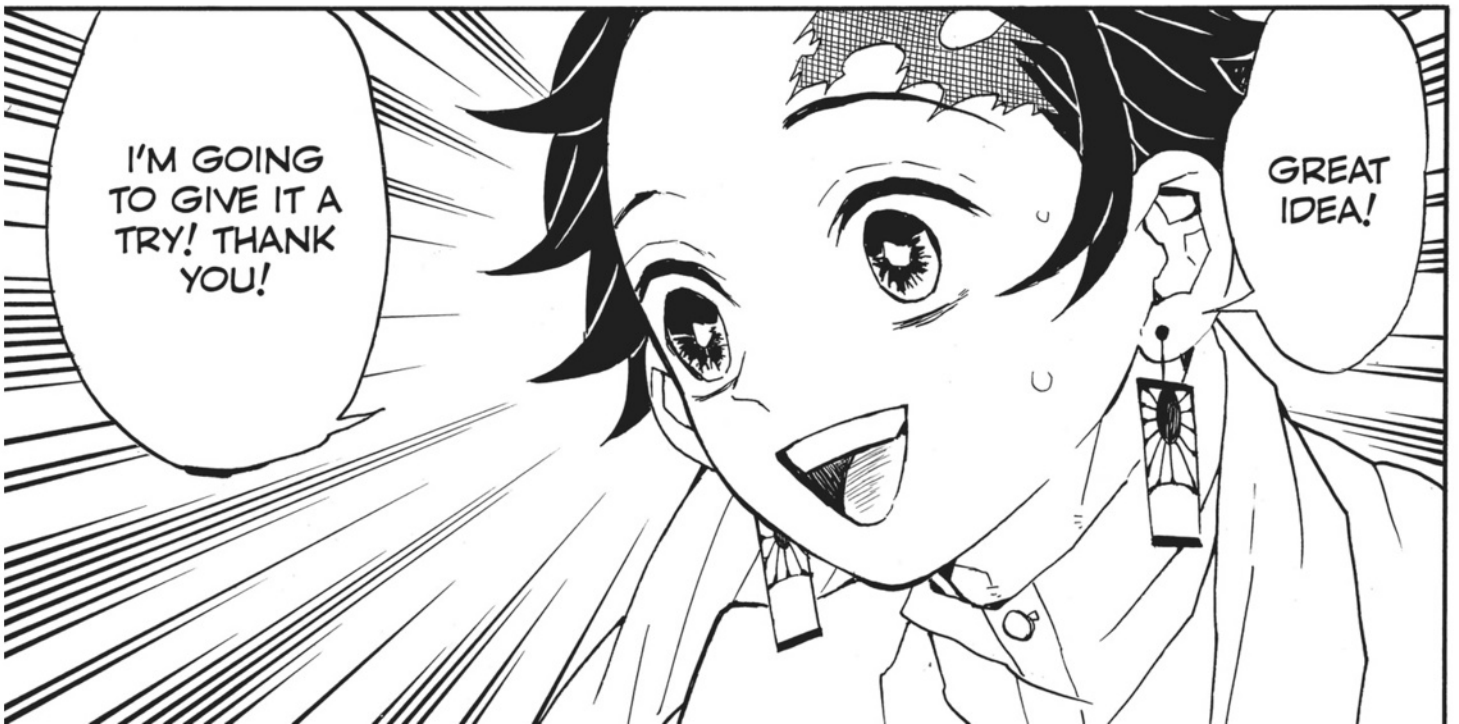
OH!
THANK YOU!
HOW KIND!
HERE'S A TOWEL.
SHWF
?

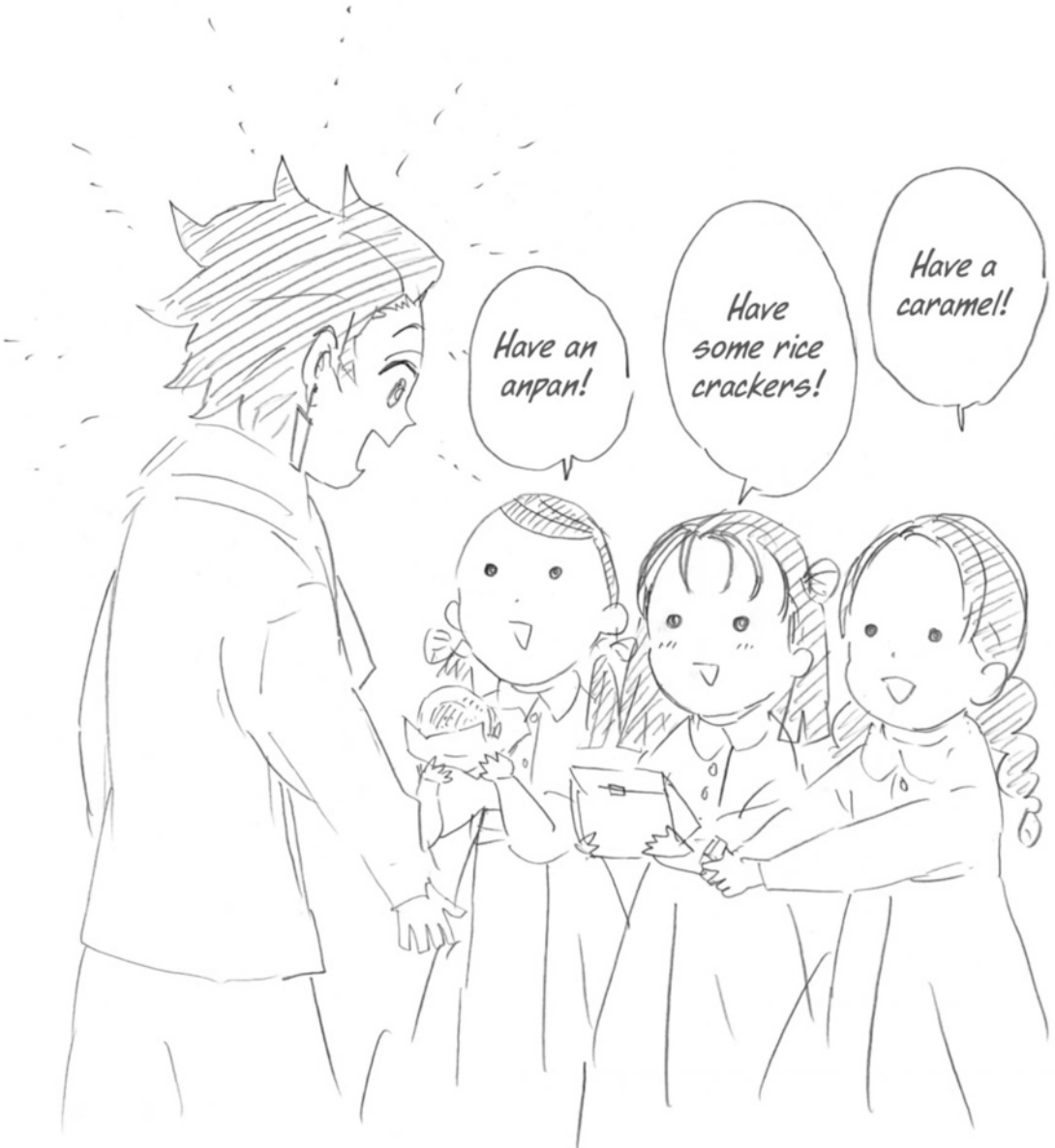

UM...
...TANJIRO, DO YOU DO TOTAL CONCENTRATION BREATHING 24 HOURS A DAY?


DO YOU DO TOTAL CON-CENTRATION BREATHING WHEN YOU SLEEP?
MORNING, NOON, AND NIGHT?
HMM ?
...

EVEN WHILE SLEEP-ING?
IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?!
...
NO, I DON'T.

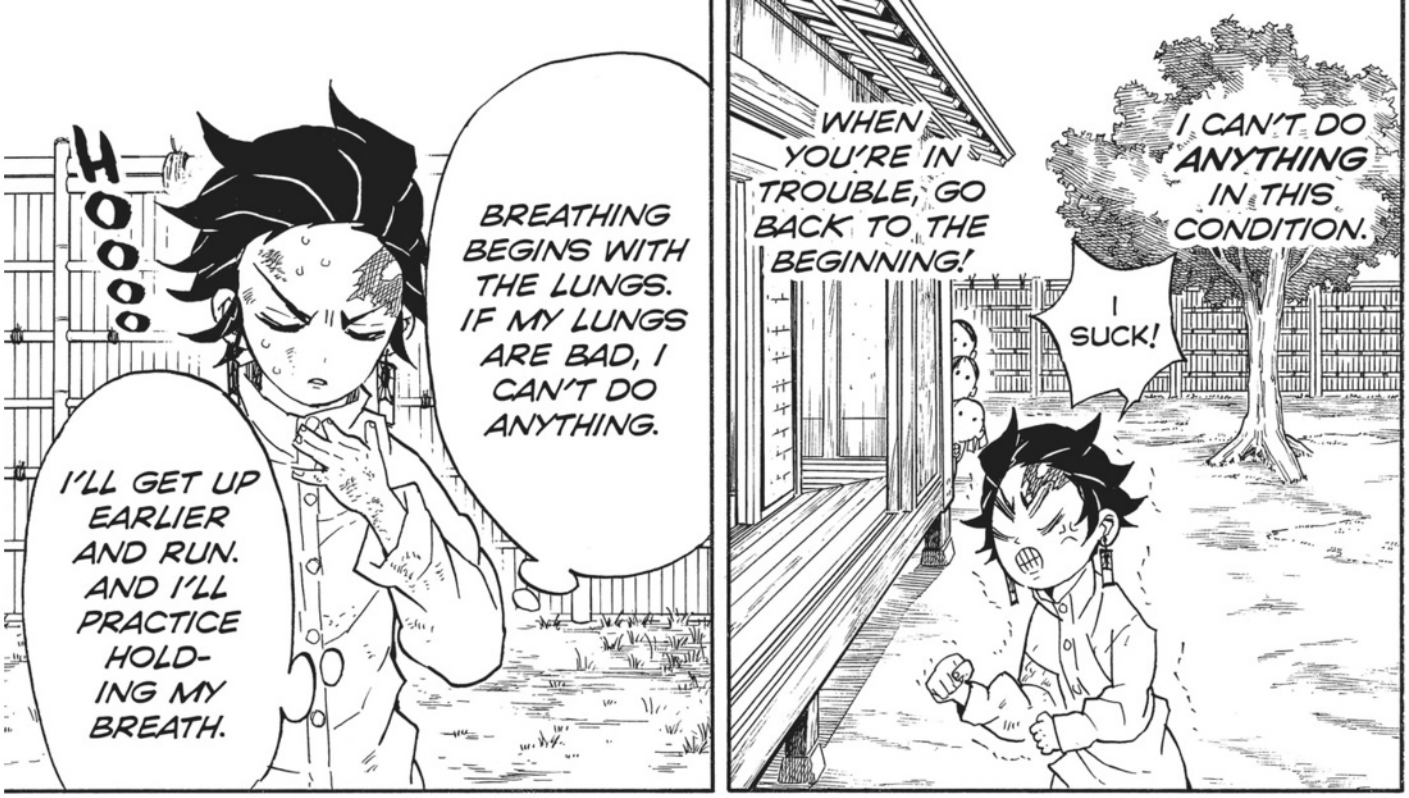

ALL THE HASHIRA... AND KANAO.
SOME PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO DO IT.
YOU SHOULD TRY!
IT'S PRETTY HARD USING TOTAL CONCENTRA-TION BREATHING EVEN JUST A LITTLE.
SO ALL DAY WOULD BE...
BEING ABLE TO DO THAT MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE.
YES.


I'M GOING TO GIVE IT A TRY! THANK YOU!
GREAT IDEA!

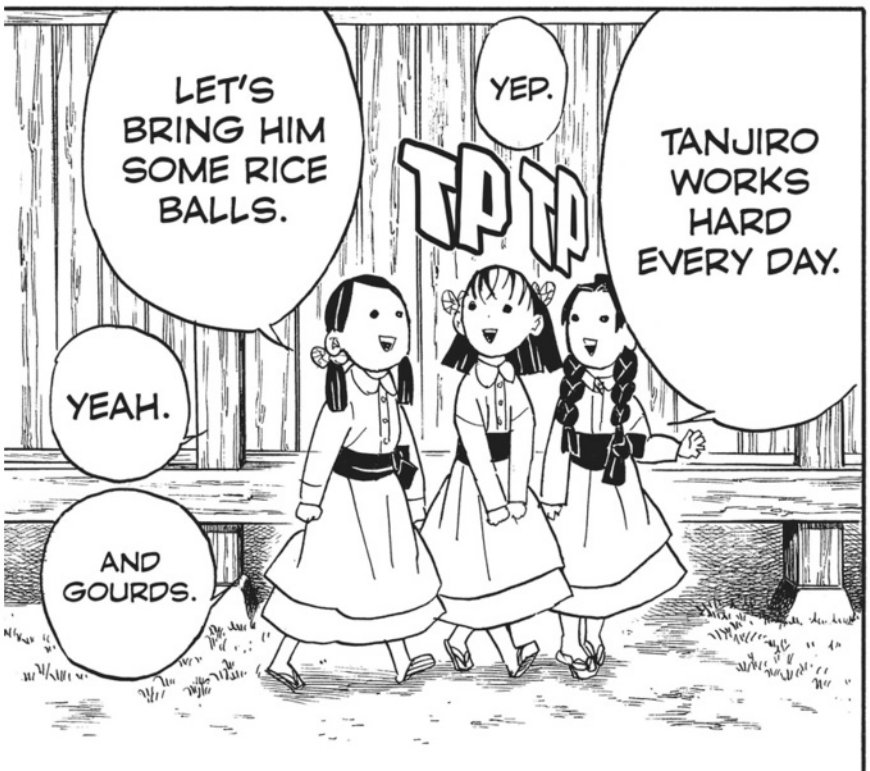

Have an anpan!
Have some rice crackers!
Have a caramel!

# CHAPTER 50: REHABILITATION TRAINING, PART 2

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO IT!
I JUST CAN'T!
HFF
WHEN I TRY TO DO TOTAL CONCENTRATION BREATHING FOR A LONG TIME, I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA DIE.
HFF
IT'S TOO HARD. MY LUNGS HURT. MY HEAD HURTS. MY EARDRUMS POUND...
KOFF
HFF
HFF
AGH!
HFF
HFF
HFF
SWIP
SWIP
FOR A SECOND, I THOUGHT MY HEART WAS GONNA COME OUT MY EARS!
THAT WAS TERRIFYING!

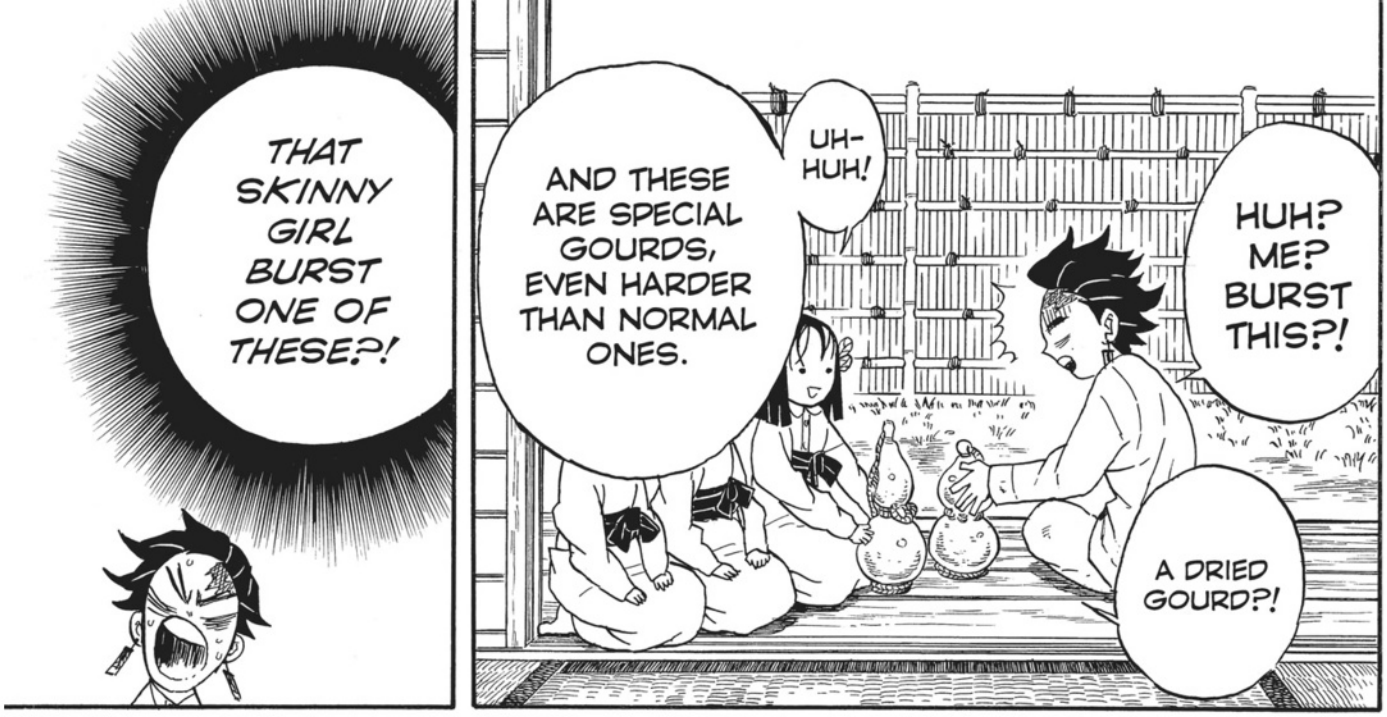

HOOOO
BREATHING BEGINS WITH THE LUNGS. IF MY LUNGS ARE BAD, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
I'LL GET UP EARLIER AND RUN. AND I'LL PRACTICE HOLDING MY BREATH.
WHEN YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING!
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING IN THIS CONDITION.
I SUCK!

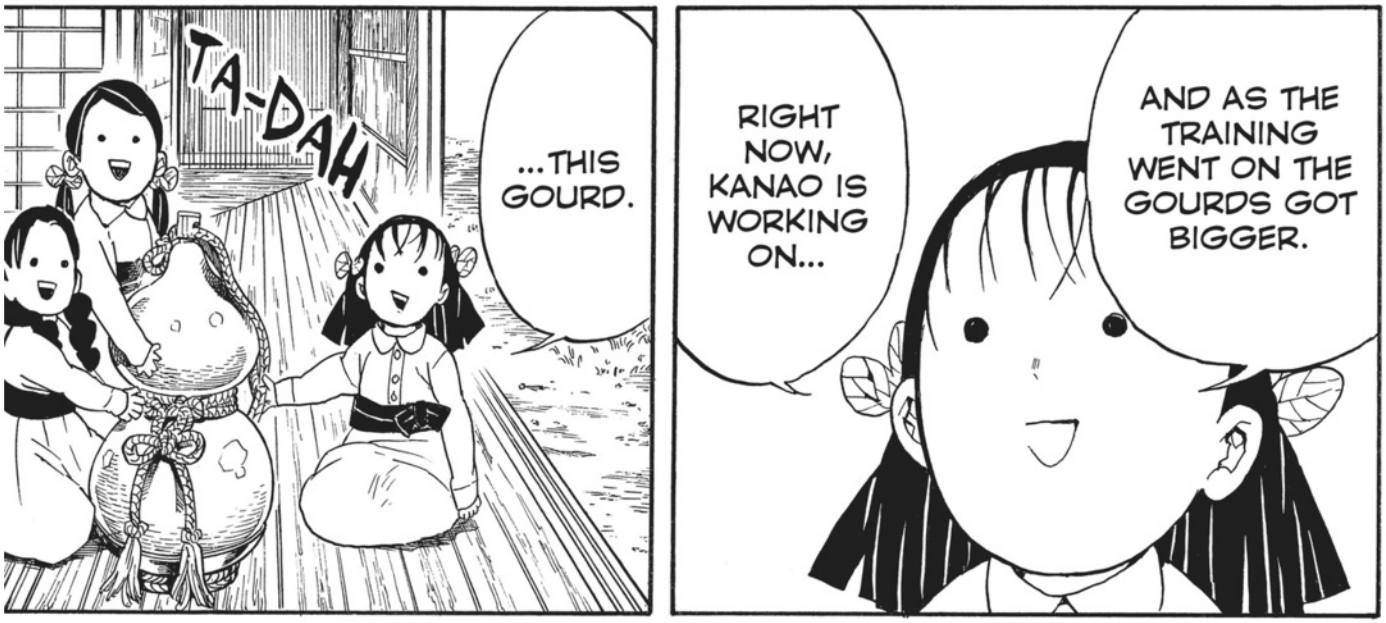
HARD WORK BUILDS DAY BY DAY. LITTLE BY LITTLE IS FINE. JUST KEEP MOVING FORWARD!
I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL! THAT'S ALL I'VE EVER BEEN ABLE TO DO—TRY MY BEST!


LET'S BRING HIM SOME RICE BALLS.
YEP.
TP TP
TANJIRO WORKS HARD EVERY DAY.
YEAH.
AND GOURDS.

HRAAAH!

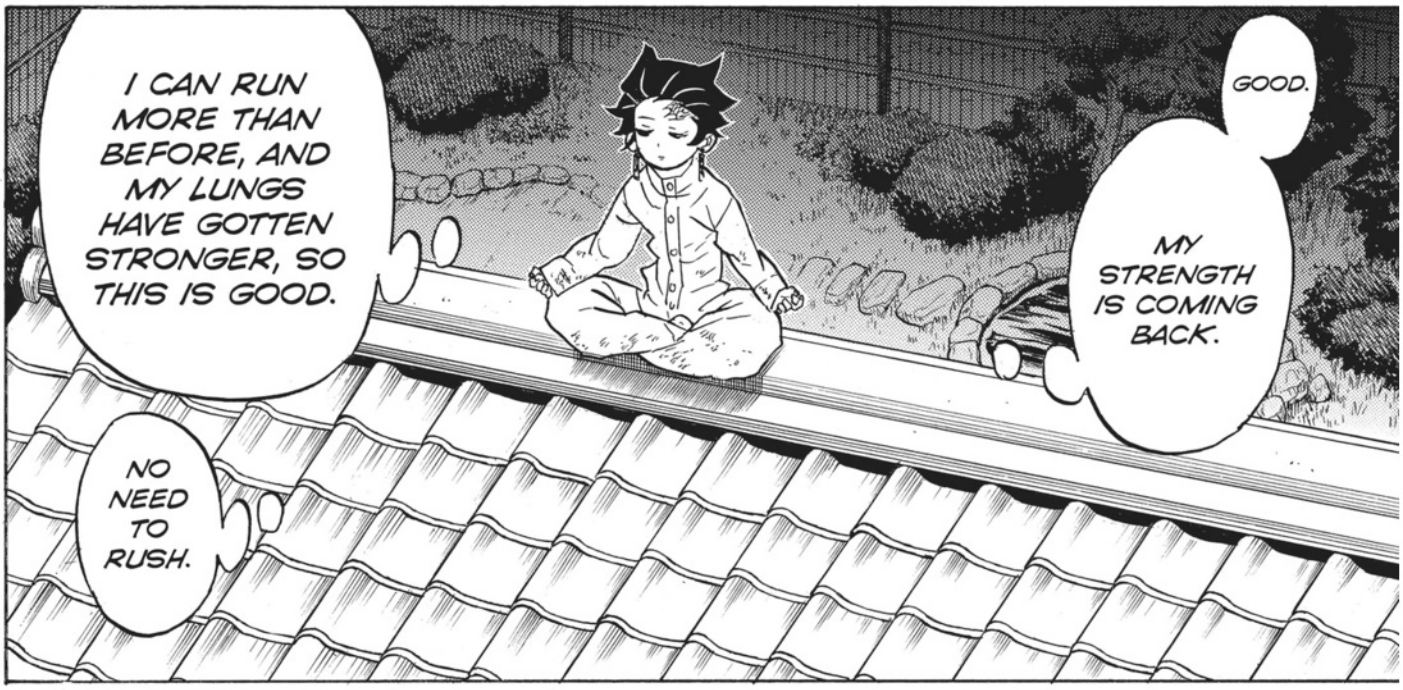
BLOW INTO THE GOURDS?
TUNK
THAT'S INTERESTING TRAINING! DOES IT MAKE A SOUND?
OH!
YES. WHEN SHINOBU WAS TRAINING KANAO, SHE OFTEN MADE HER BLOW INTO GOURDS.
...
MUNCH
OH!
BURST ...?!
NO. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BURST THE GOURD.

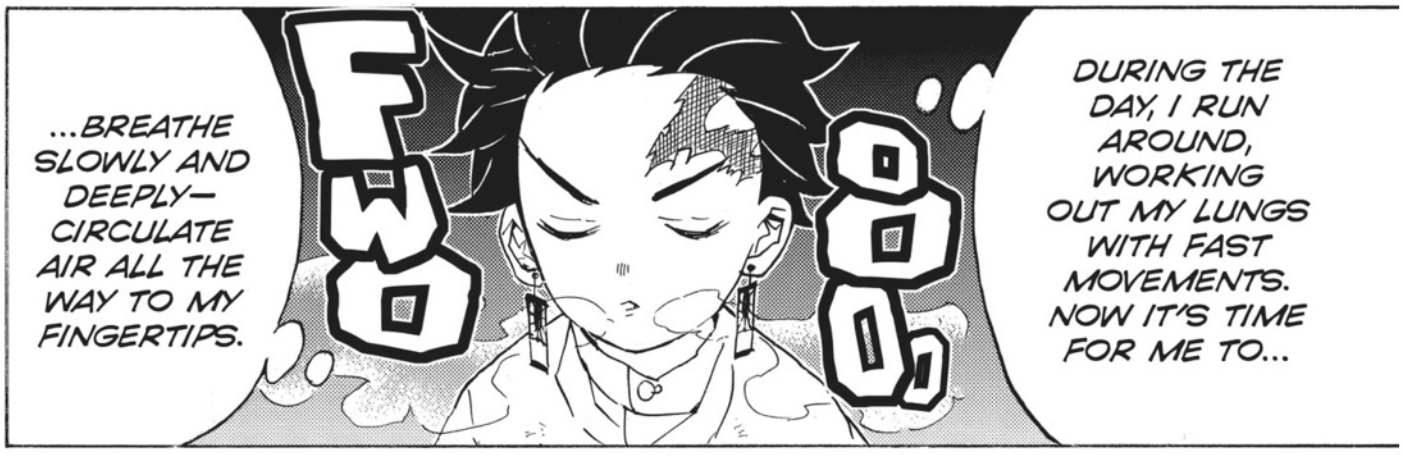

THAT SKINNY GIRL BURST ONE OF THESE?!
AND THESE ARE SPECIAL GOURDS, EVEN HARDER THAN NORMAL ONES.
UH-HUH!
HUH? ME? BURST THIS?!
A DRIED GOURD?!


TA-DAH
...THIS GOURD.
RIGHT NOW, KANAO IS WORKING ON...
AND AS THE TRAINING WENT ON THE GOURDS GOT BIGGER.

I GOTTA TRY!
... BIG !!
THAT'S...

FIF-
TEEN
DAYS
LATER
...

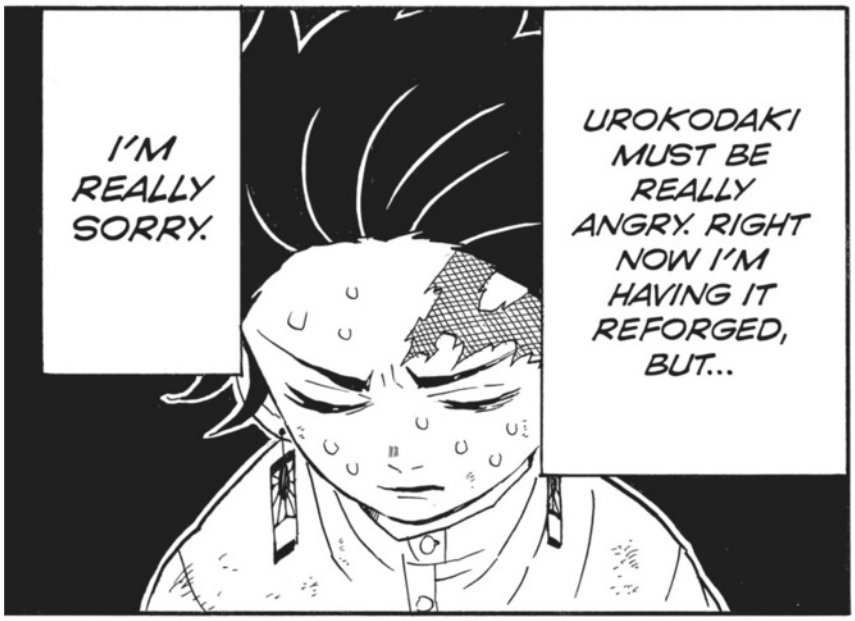

I CAN RUN MORE THAN BEFORE, AND MY LUNGS HAVE GOTTEN STRONGER, SO THIS IS GOOD.
GOOD.
MY STRENGTH IS COMING BACK.
NO NEED TO RUSH.


...BREATHE SLOWLY AND DEEPLY— CIRCULATE AIR ALL THE WAY TO MY FINGERTIPS.
FWO
DURING THE DAY, I RUN AROUND, WORKING OUT MY LUNGS WITH FAST MOVEMENTS. NOW IT'S TIME FOR ME TO...

UROKODAKI SAID THAT. UROKODAKI...
MEDITATION IMPROVES CONCENTRA-TION.

...YOU BROKE MY SWORD.
I CAN'T BELIEVE...

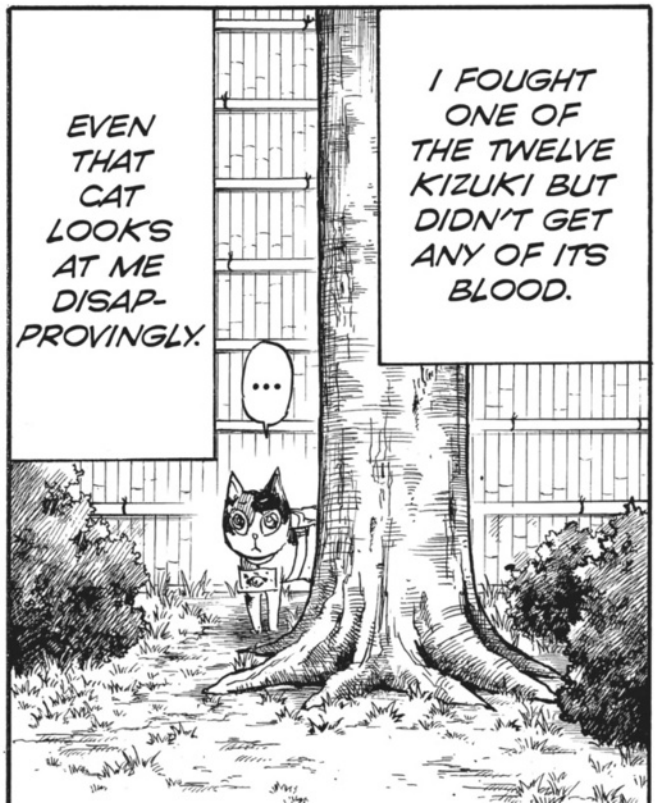
URO...
UROKO ...

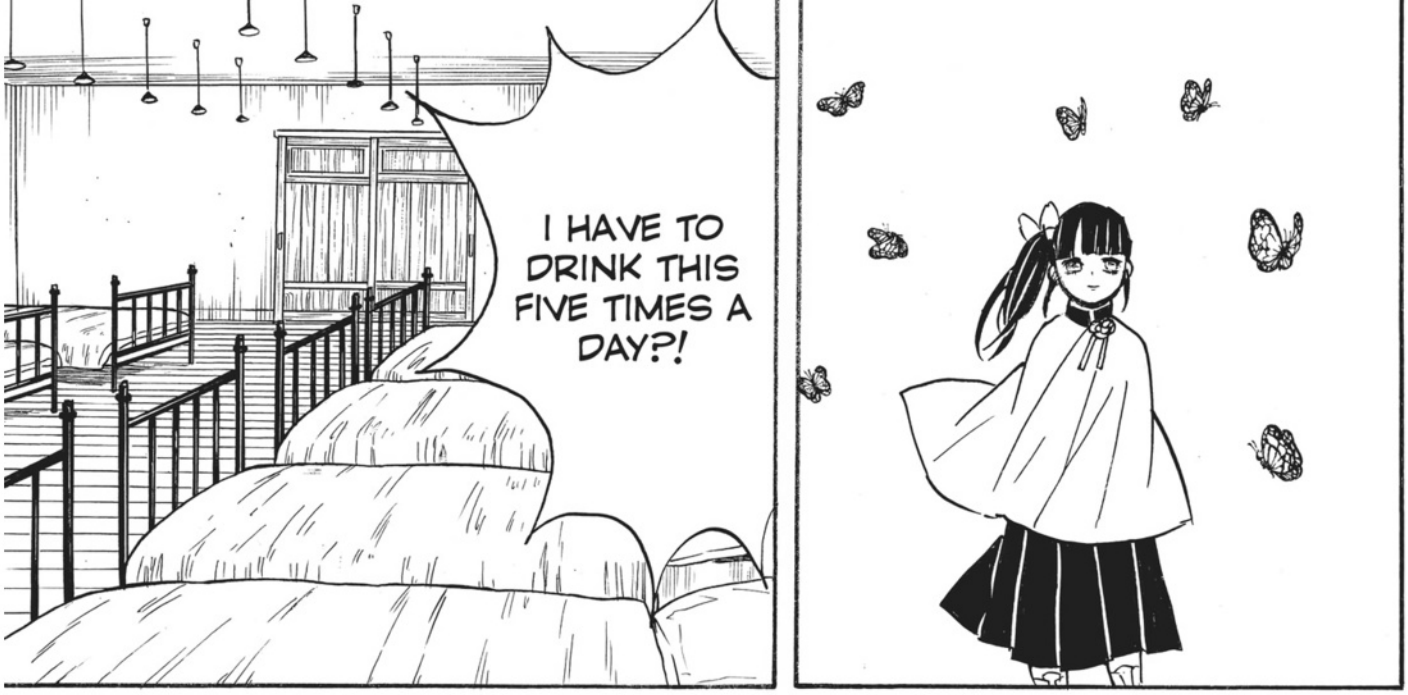

I'M REALLY SORRY.
UROKODAKI MUST BE REALLY ANGRY. RIGHT NOW I'M HAVING IT REFORGED, BUT...

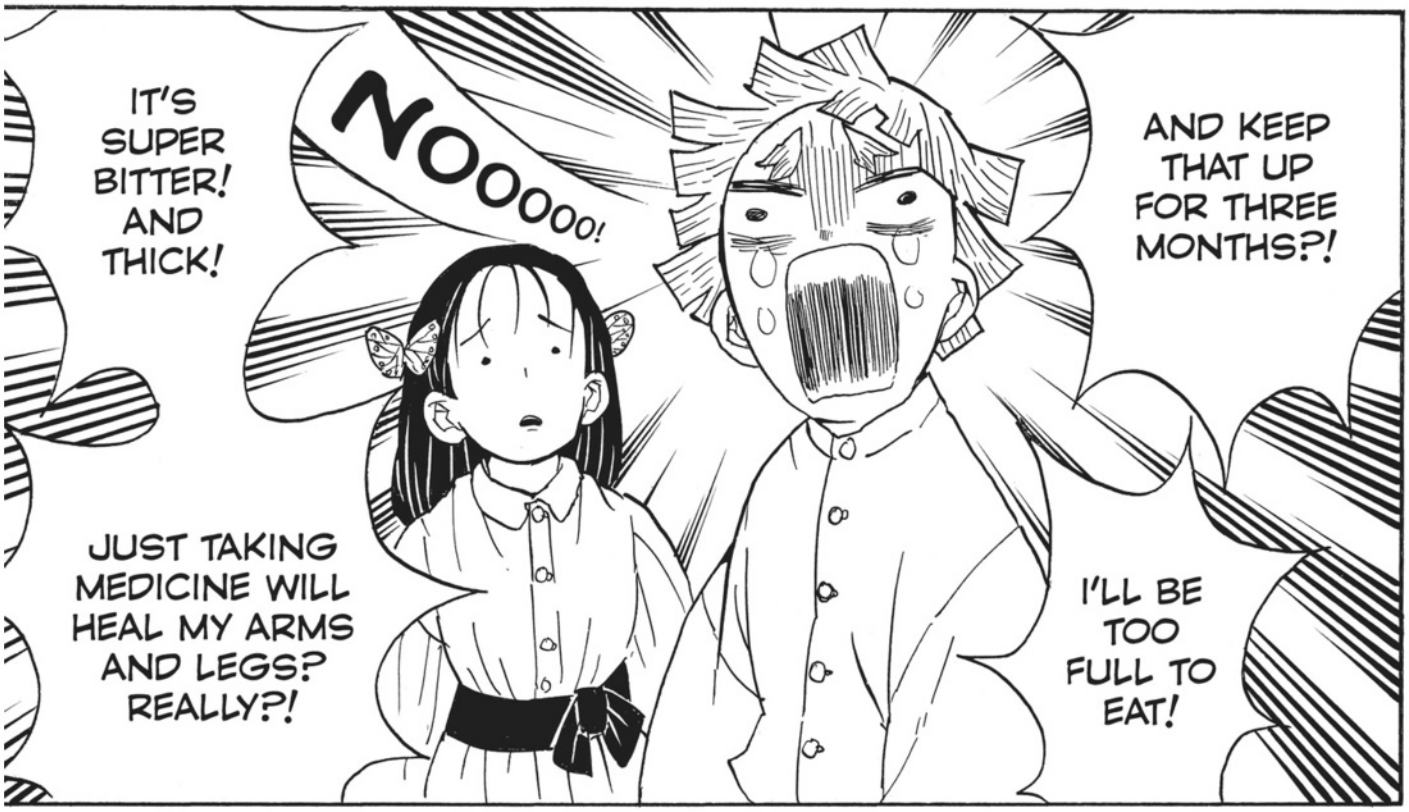
SORRY ...

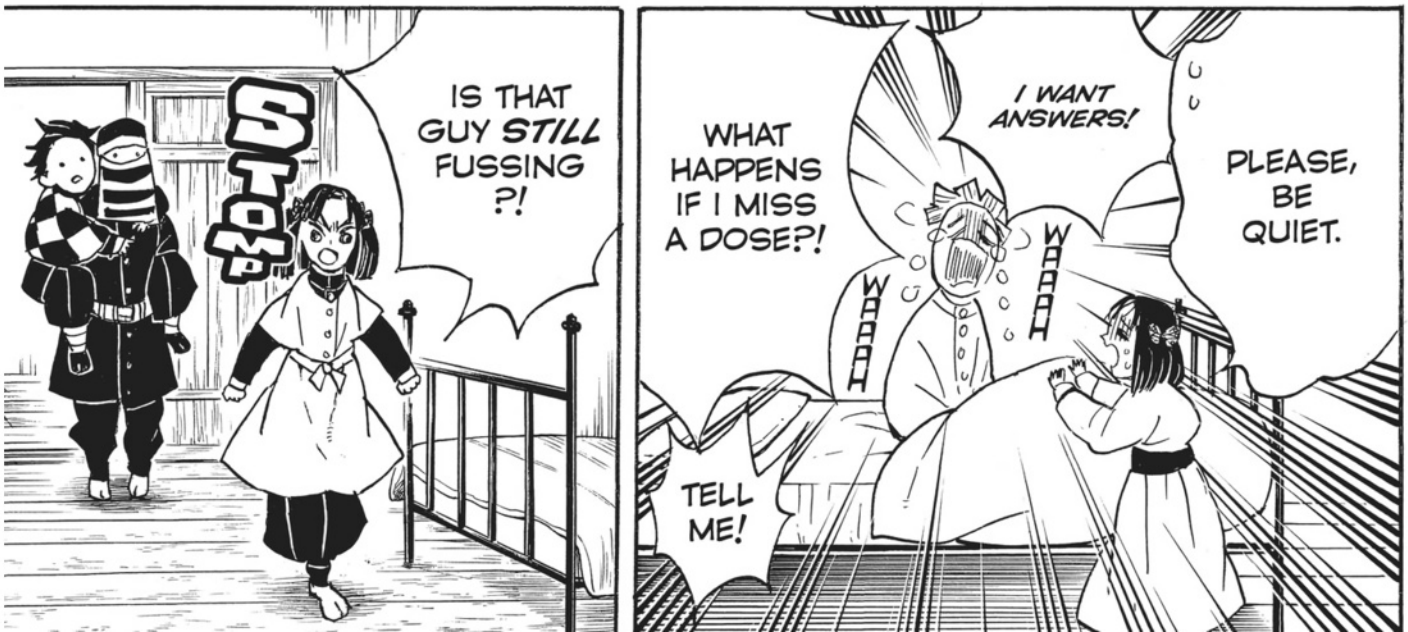
CONCEN-TRATE ON YOUR BREATHING !!
CONCEN-TRATE! CONCEN-TRATE!
HELLO ...
HELLO ...

HELLO THERE!
HUH ?!


EVEN THAT CAT LOOKS AT ME DISAP-PROVINGLY.
I FOUGHT ONE OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI BUT DIDN'T GET ANY OF ITS BLOOD.
...


I HAVE TO DRINK THIS FIVE TIMES A DAY?!

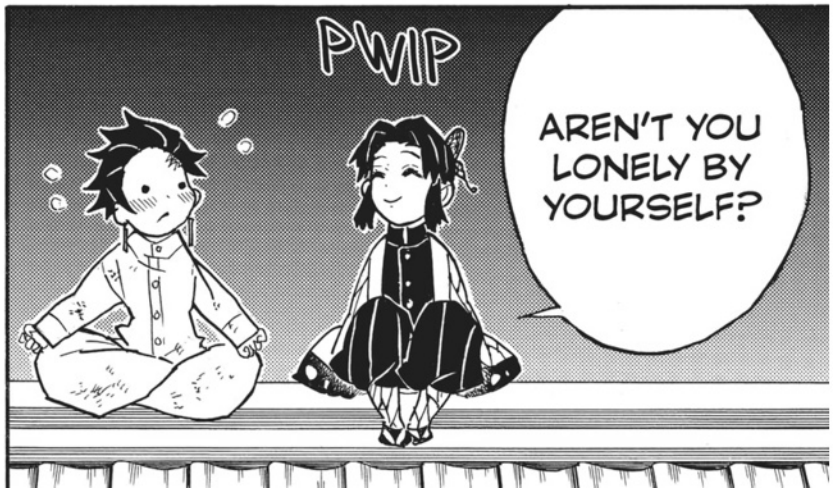

NOOOOo!
IT'S SUPER BITTER! AND THICK!
AND KEEP THAT UP FOR THREE MONTHS?!
JUST TAKING MEDICINE WILL HEAL MY ARMS AND LEGS? REALLY?!
I'LL BE TOO FULL TO EAT!

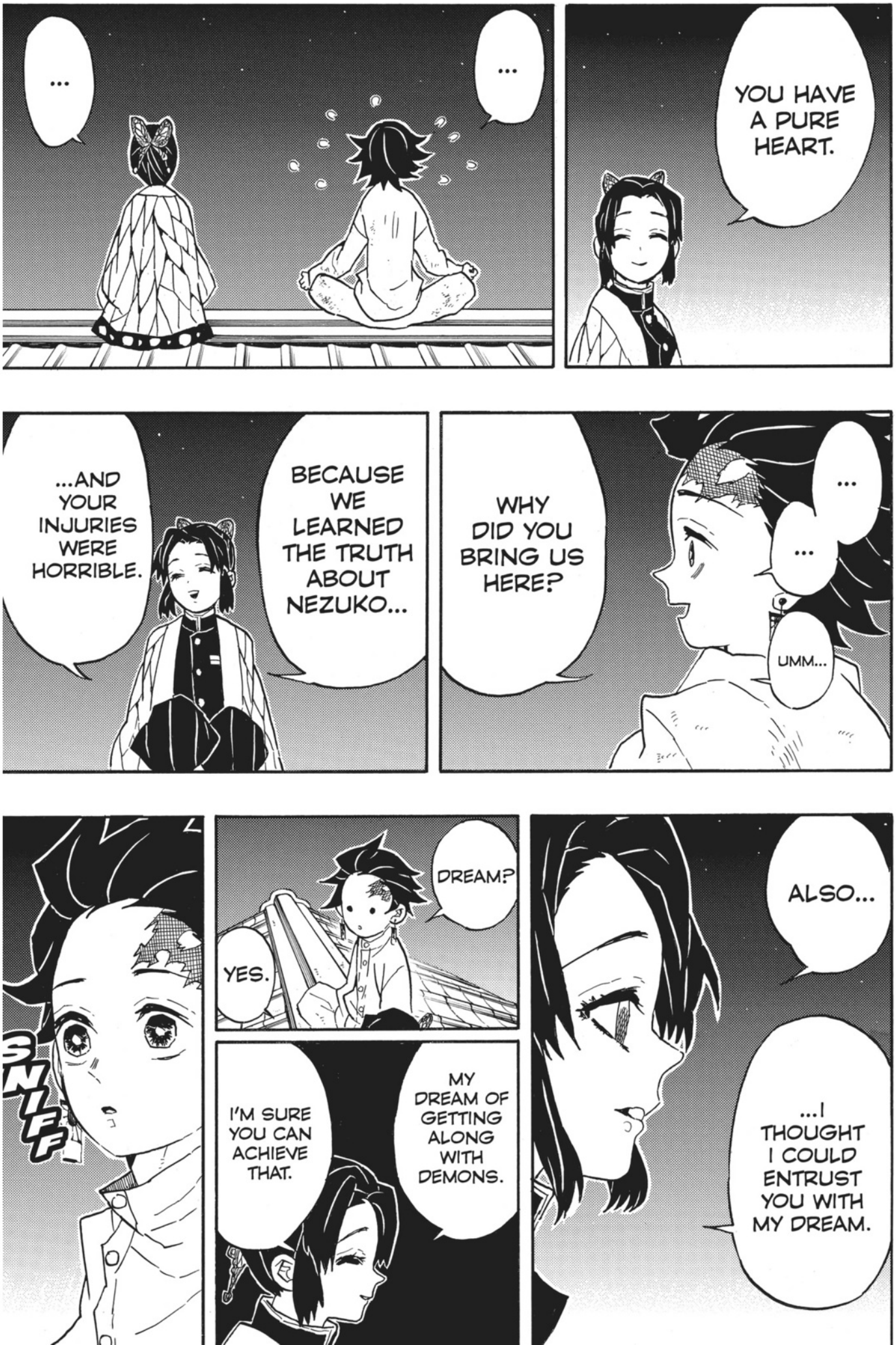

STOP
IS THAT GUY STILL FUSSING?!
WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS A DOSE?!
I WANT ANSWERS!
WAAAH
WAAAH
PLEASE, BE QUIET.
TELL ME!

YOU'RE REALLY DEDICATED.

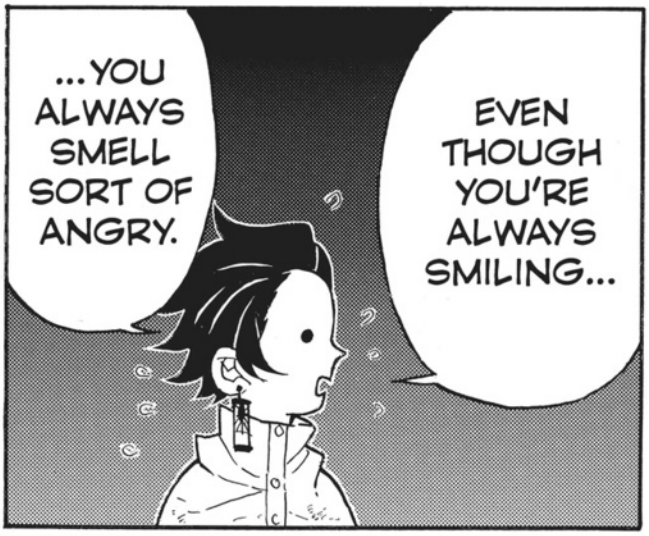
YOUR TWO FRIENDS RAN OFF SOME-WHERE.

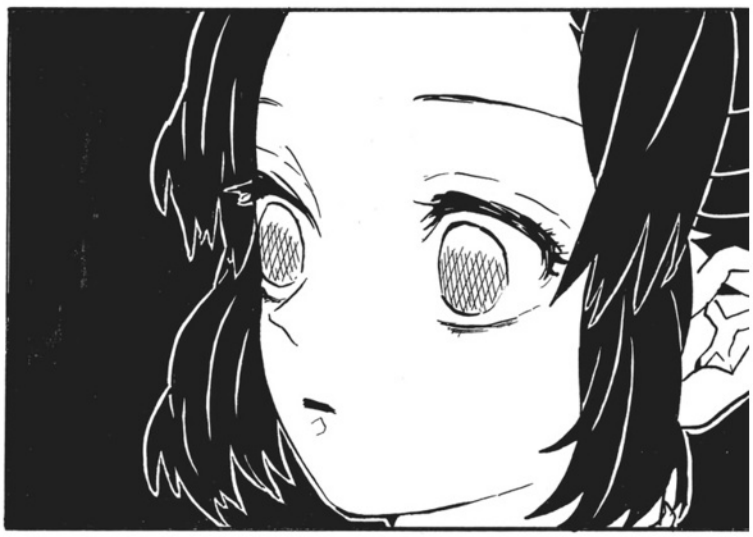
ONCE I CAN DO IT, I'LL TEACH THEM HOW!
NOPE!

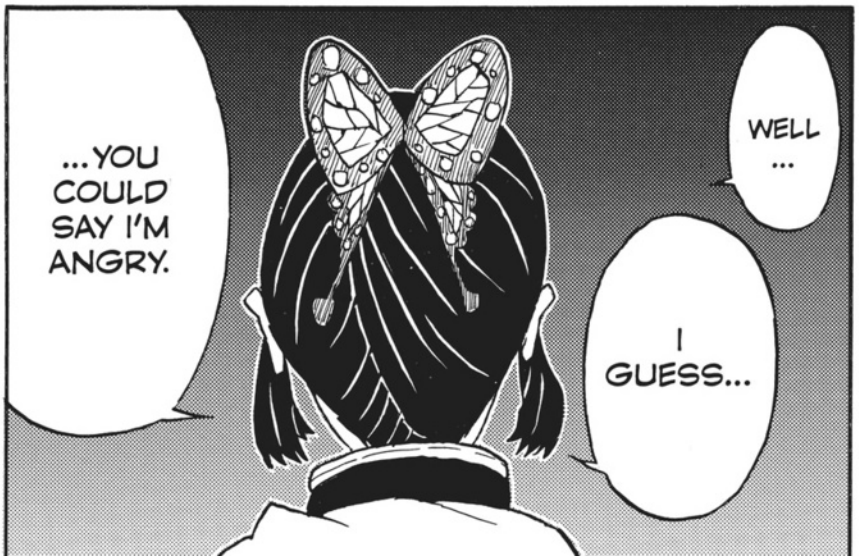

PWIP
AREN'T YOU LONELY BY YOURSELF?

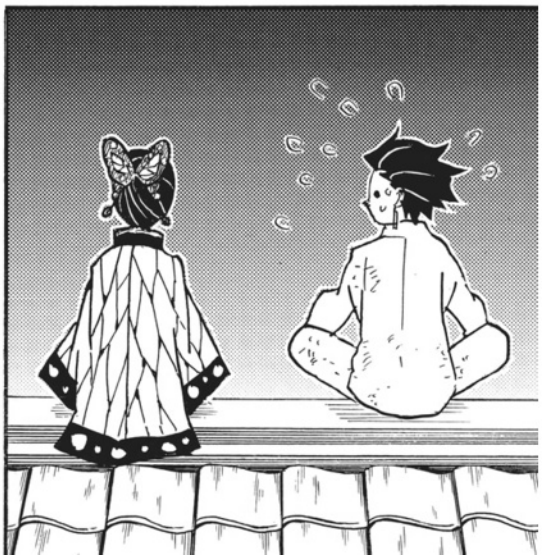

...
...
YOU HAVE A PURE HEART.
...AND YOUR INJURIES WERE HORRIBLE.
BECAUSE WE LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT NEZUKO...
WHY DID YOU BRING US HERE?
...
...
UMM...
SNIFF
YES.
DREAM?
I'M SURE YOU CAN ACHIEVE THAT.
MY DREAM OF GETTING ALONG WITH DEMONS.
ALSO...
...I THOUGHT I COULD ENTRUST YOU WITH MY DREAM.

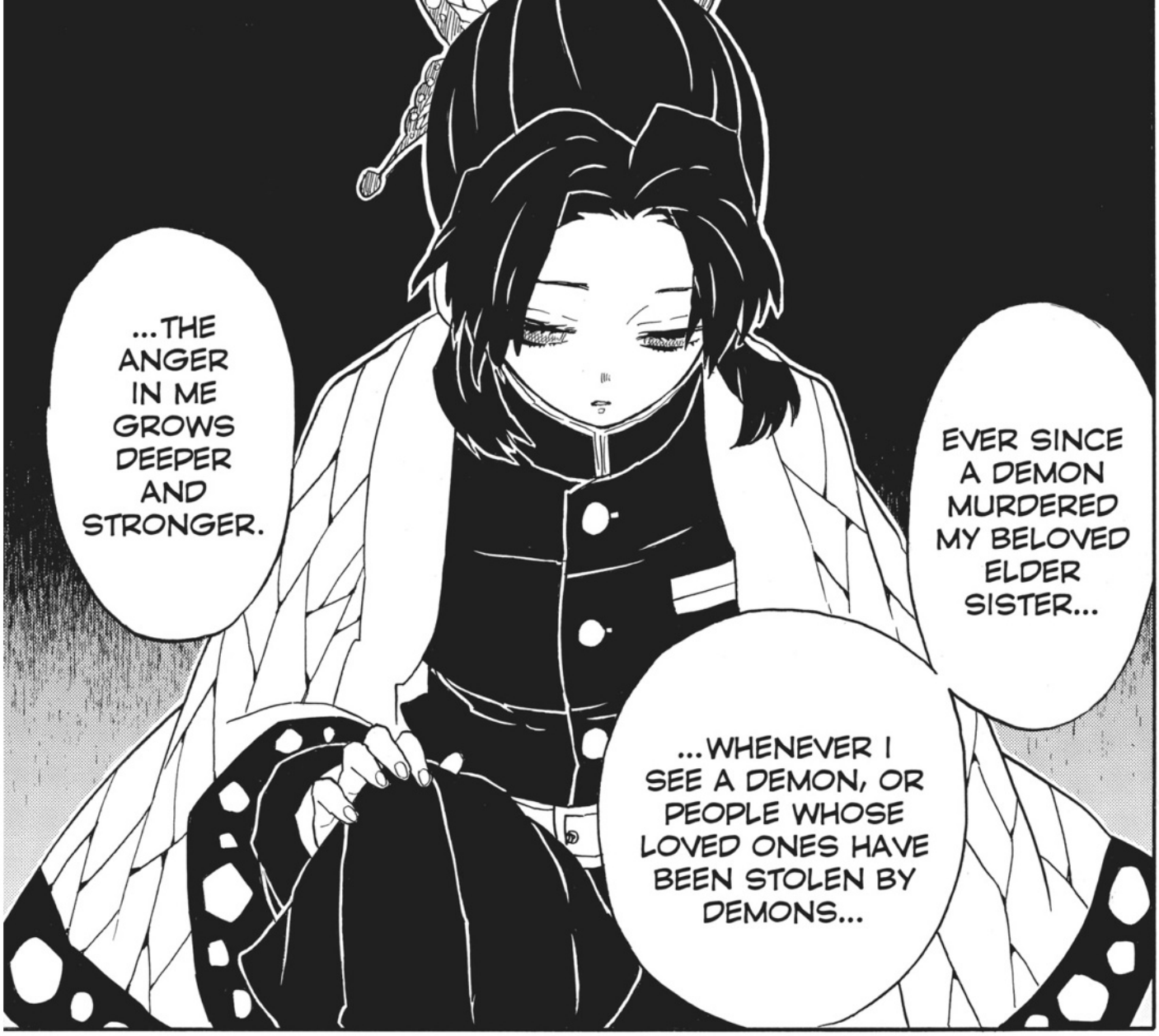
ARE YOU ANGRY?


EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ALWAYS SMILING...
...YOU ALWAYS SMELL SORT OF ANGRY.

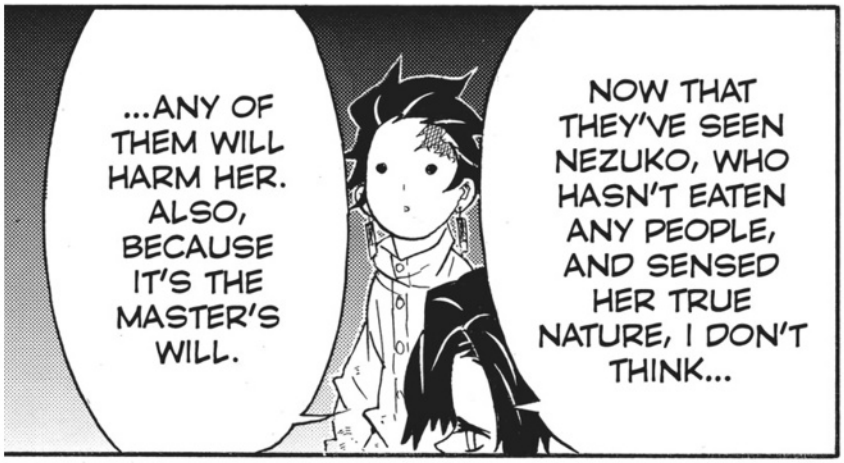



WELL...
I GUESS...
...YOU COULD SAY I'M ANGRY.

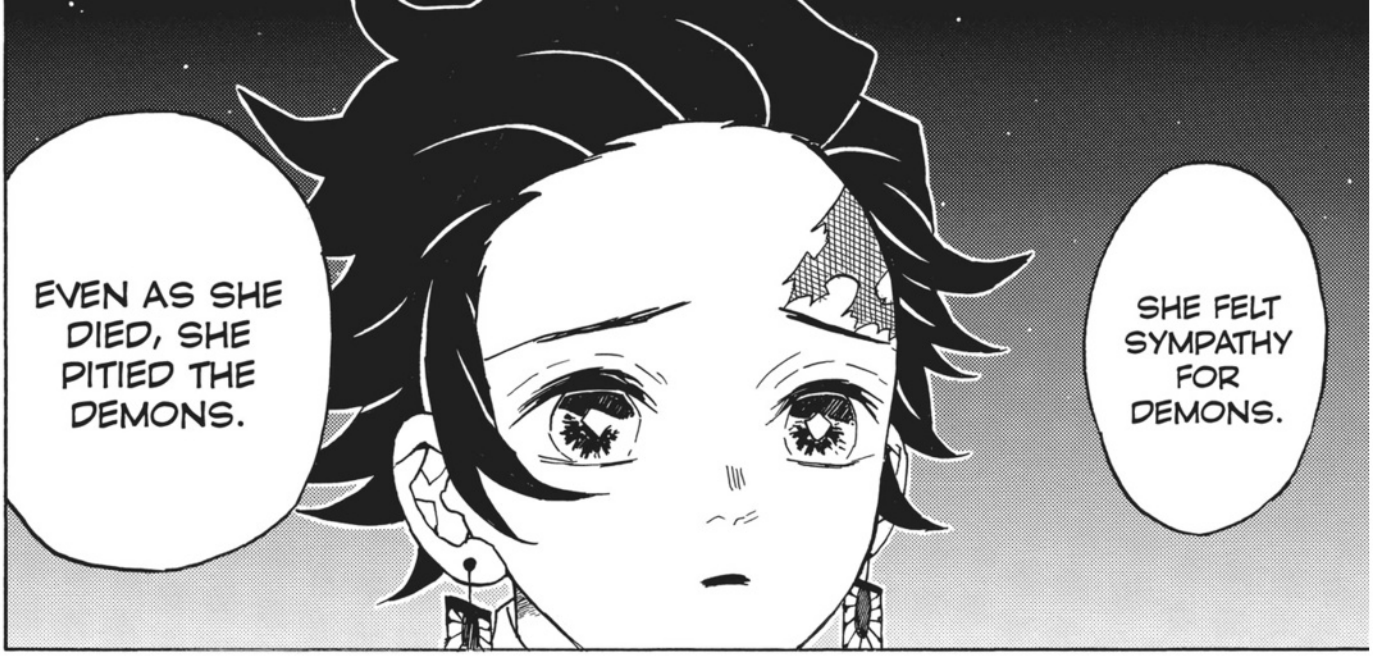



EVER SINCE A DEMON MURDERED MY BELOVED ELDER SISTER...
...WHENEVER I SEE A DEMON, OR PEOPLE WHOSE LOVED ONES HAVE BEEN STOLEN BY DEMONS...
...THE ANGER IN ME GROWS DEEPER AND STRONGER.

DEEP INSIDE MY BODY, THERE'S HATRED THAT I CAN'T QUIET.
IT'S THE SAME FOR THE OTHER HASHIRA.


NOW THAT THEY'VE SEEN NEZUKO, WHO HASN'T EATEN ANY PEOPLE, AND SENSED HER TRUE NATURE, I DON'T THINK...
...ANY OF THEM WILL HARM HER. ALSO, BECAUSE IT'S THE MASTER'S WILL.

ANYWAY, MY SISTER WAS A KIND PERSON LIKE YOU.


SHE FELT SYMPATHY FOR DEMONS.
EVEN AS SHE DIED, SHE PITIED THE DEMONS.

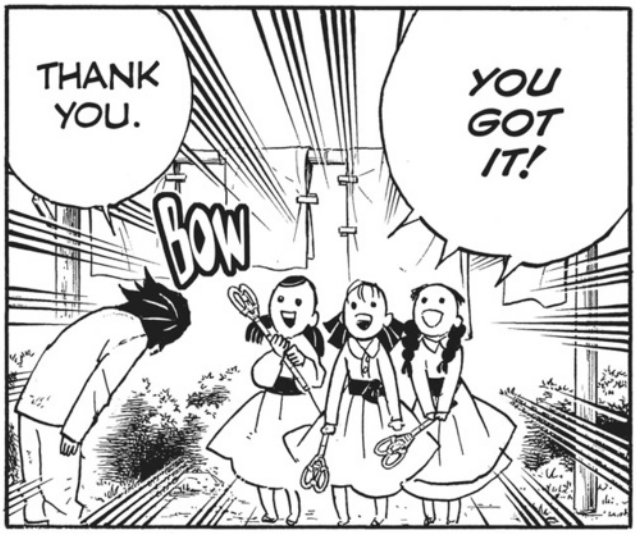
BUT IF THAT WAS MY SISTER'S WISH, THEN I MUST TRY TO CARRY IT OUT.
IF THERE'S A WAY TO AVOID KILLING PITIFUL DEMONS, I MUST TRY TO FIND IT...
...WITHOUT LOSING MY SUNNY DISPOSITION, WHICH MY SISTER ALWAYS LIKED.

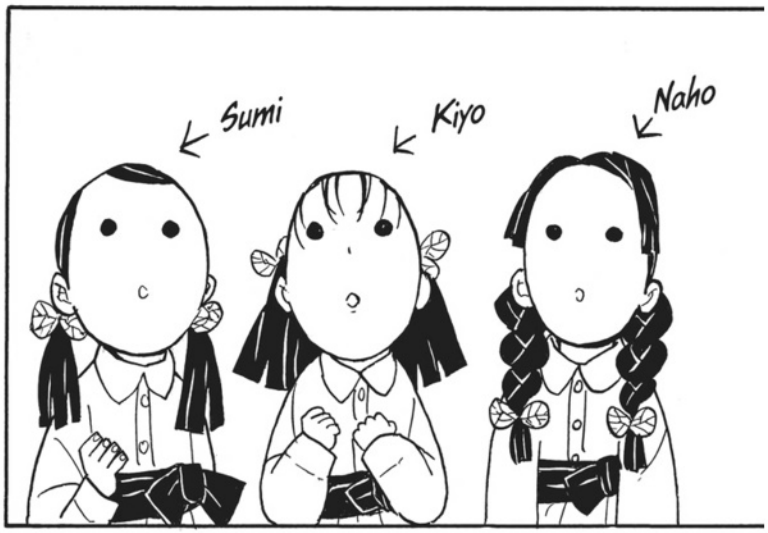
I COULDN'T THINK LIKE HER. PITY SOMEONE WHO KILLS PEOPLE?
THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS.

BUT...
...IT REALLY TIRES ME OUT.

PLEASE, KEEP DEFENDING NEZUKO.
KEEP UP YOUR FIGHT, TANJIRO.
WITHOUT REASON...
...JUST ON INSTINCT, THEY KILL PEOPLE.
DEMONS ALWAYS LIE TO SAVE THEM-SELVES.
...AND I FEEL BETTER INSIDE.
FWOOO
WHEN I THINK THAT YOU'RE SUCCEEDING AT MY SISTER'S DREAM, IT SOOTHES MY ANGER...
I'LL DO MY BEST.
HWSH

NAHO! KIYO! SUMI!
I WANT YOU TO HELP ME TRAIN!
WHEN I'M ASLEEP, IF I STOP DOING TOTAL CONCENTRATION BREATHING, HIT MY COVERS WITH THESE BLANKET BEATERS!
Blanket beater.


YOU GOT IT!
THANK YOU.
BOW


Sumi
Kiyo
Naho

ONE MORE TIME, PLEASE!
PLEASE!
BOW

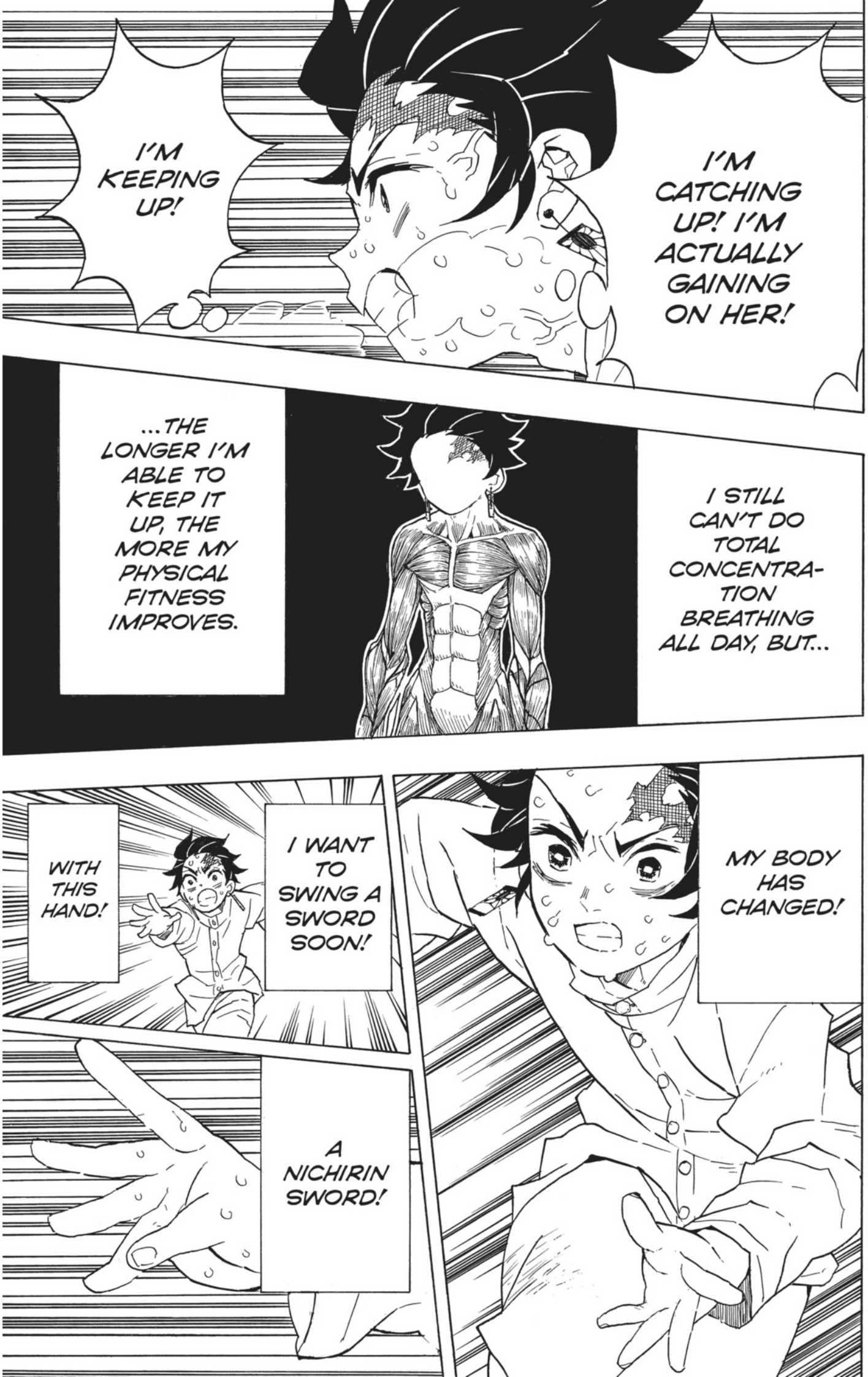
WHAM
WHAK
FWAK

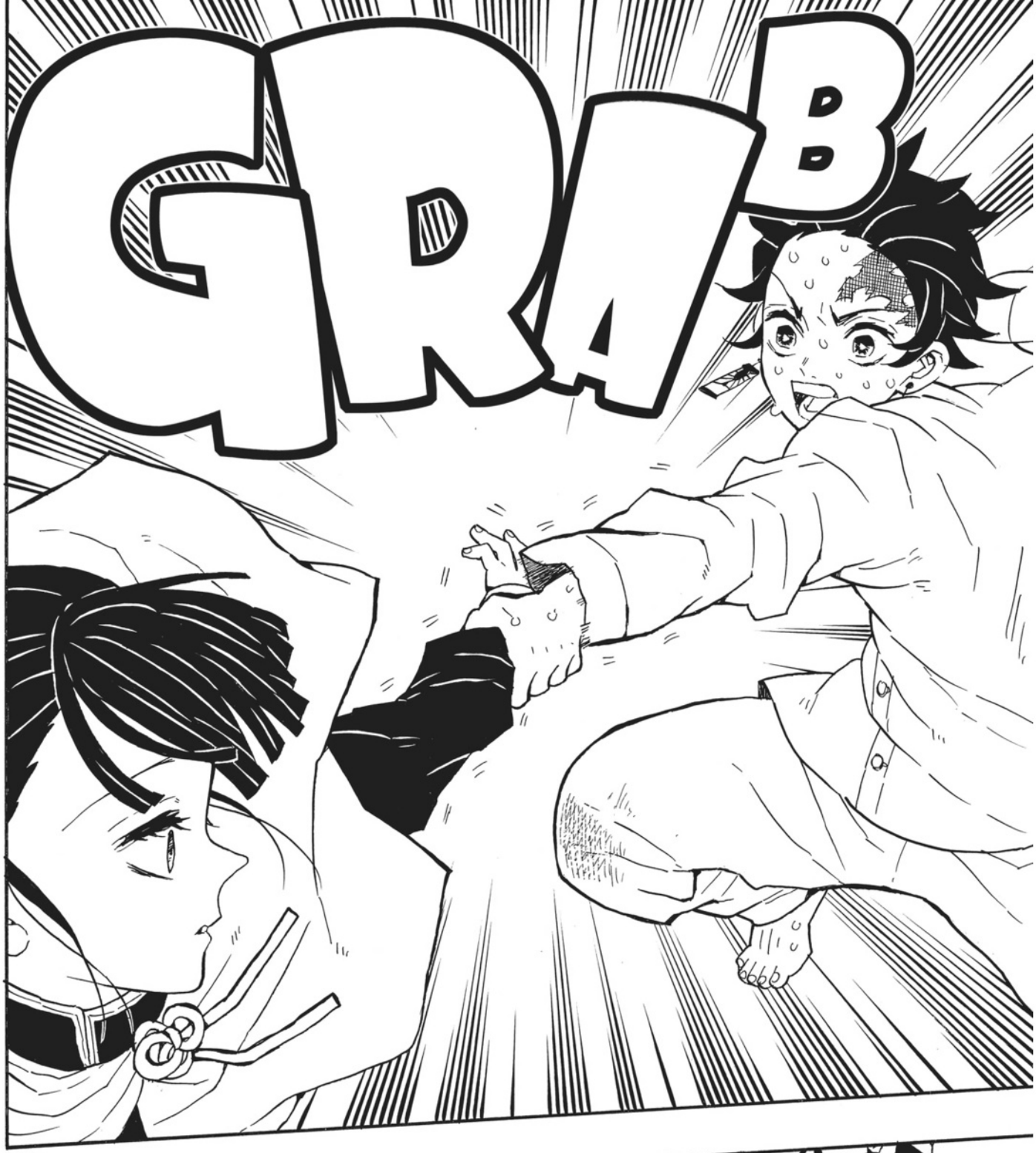
HHHH
FWOOO
HHHH

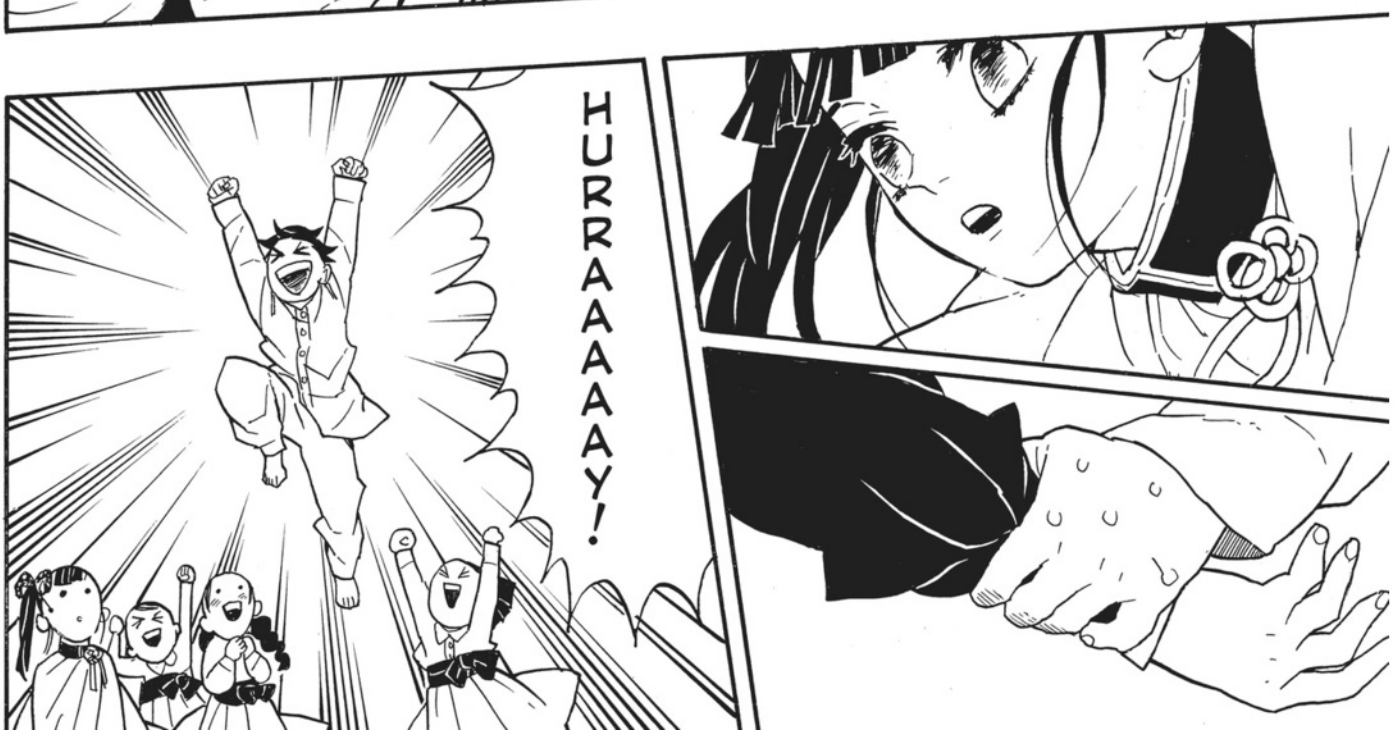
ZZZZ

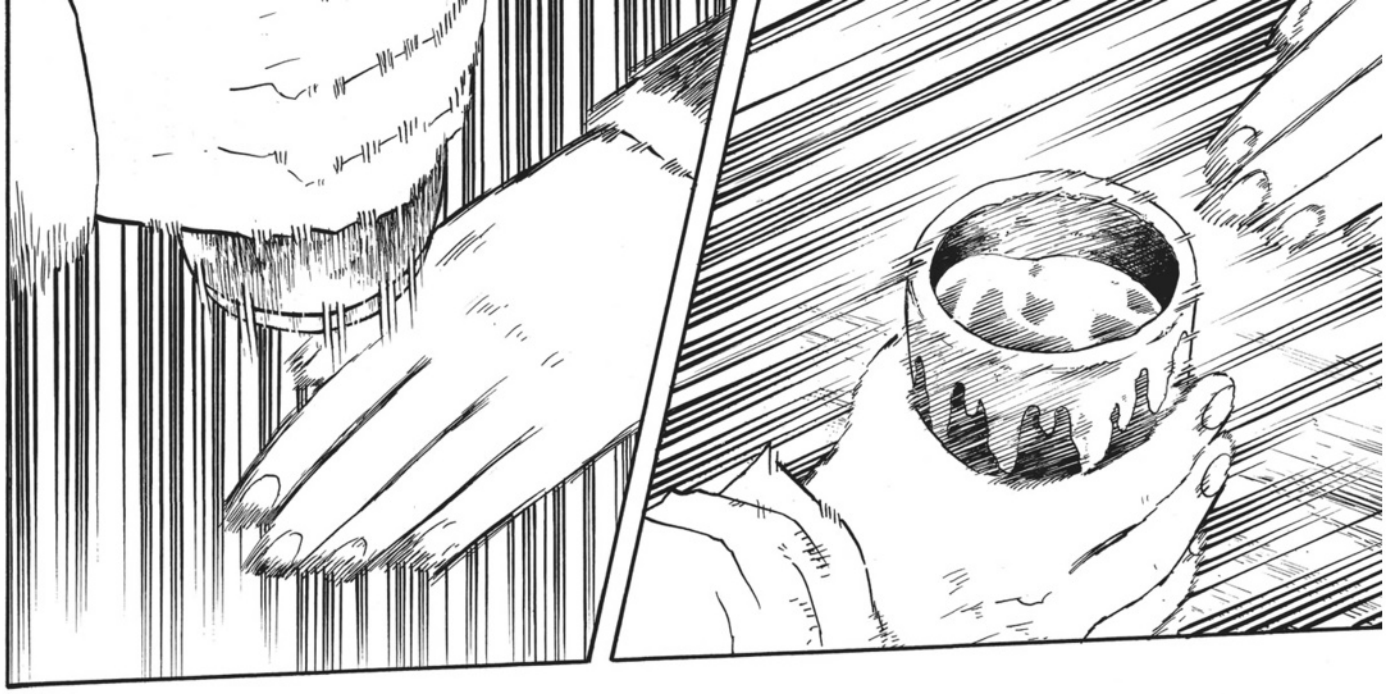
HHHH
HHHH
TEN DAYS LATER
YOU CAN DO IT!
YOU CAN DO IT!
YOU CAN DO IT!
BWOOO
KP
OK

Fwoo
KYAAAH!
I DID IT!
I DID IT! I BROKE THE GOURD!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

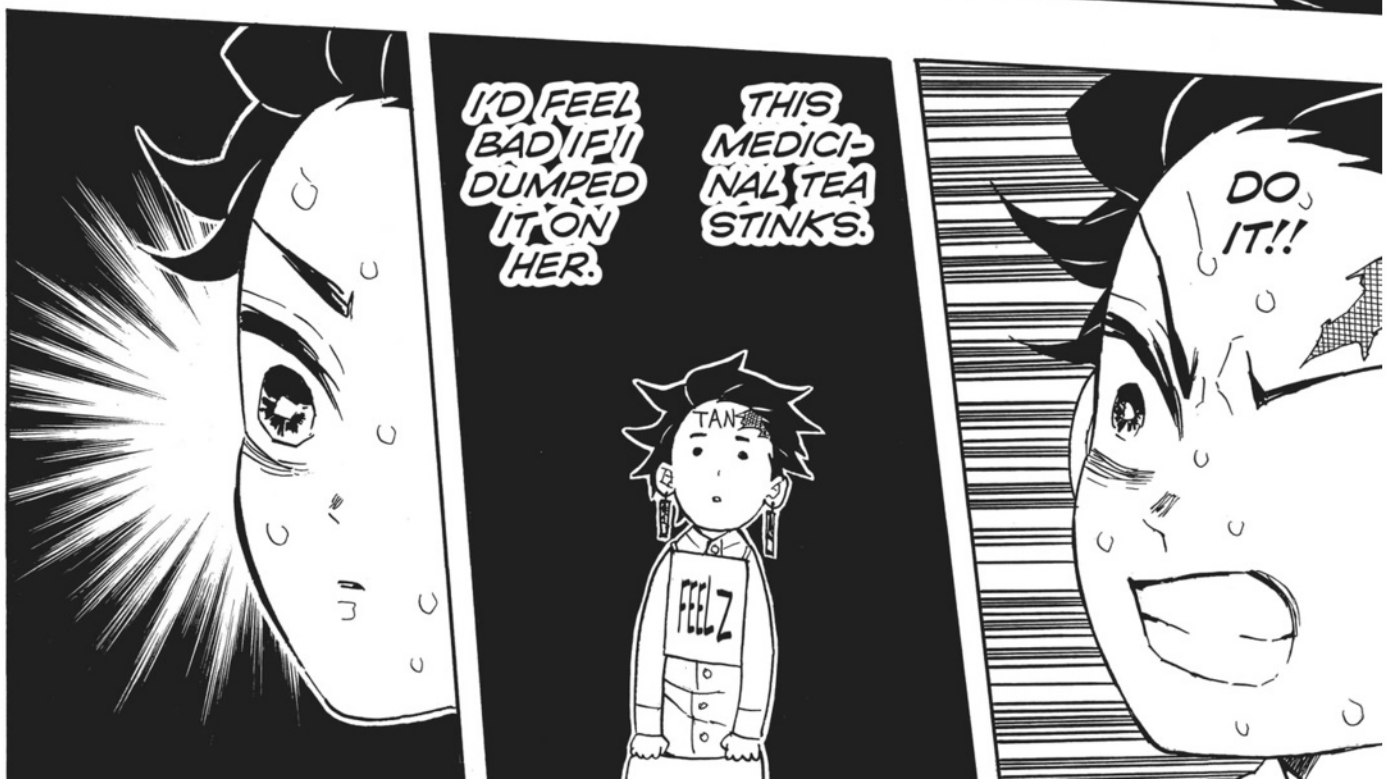

I'M KEEPING UP!
I'M CATCHING UP! I'M ACTUALLY GAINING ON HER!
...THE LONGER I'M ABLE TO KEEP IT UP, THE MORE MY PHYSICAL FITNESS IMPROVES.
I STILL CAN'T DO TOTAL CONCENTRA-TION BREATHING ALL DAY, BUT...
WITH THIS HAND!
I WANT TO SWING A SWORD SOON!
MY BODY HAS CHANGED!
A NICHIRIN SWORD!


GRAB

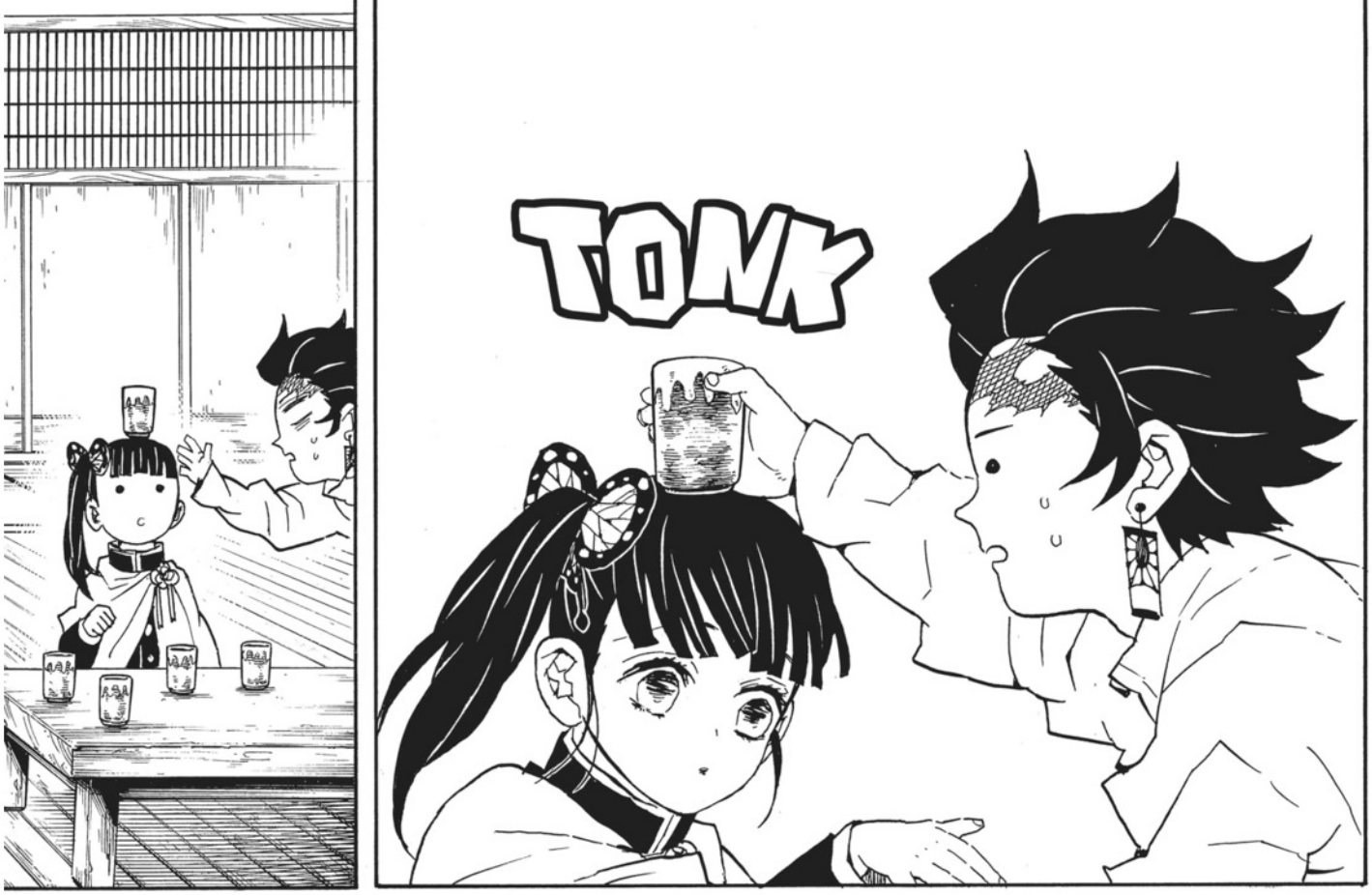

HURRAAAAAY!



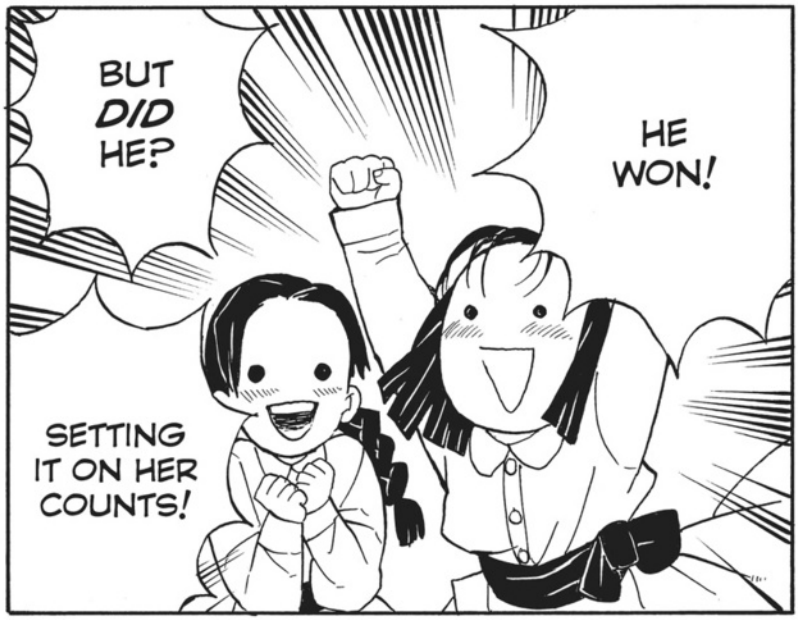
I GOT PAST HER!


I'D FEEL BAD IF I DUMPED IT ON HER.
THIS MEDICI-NAL TEA STINKS.
TAN
FEELZ
DO IT!!

BAM
BOM
REFLEX TRAIN-ING
BAM
BOM
BOM
THIS IS A GOOD FIGHT! YOU CAN DO IT!
BAM
BOM
BOM
BAM
BOM
YOU CAN DO THIS! NNNGH!
NNNGH! DON'T LOSE FOCUS!


TONK

YAY
I DID IT!
YAY
...


BUT DID HE?
HE WON!
SETTING IT ON HER COUNTS!

UH-OH!

YAY
TEE HEE HEE!
YAHOO
YIPEE
YAY
AH HA HA!
YAY
YAY

Inosuke playing on the mountain.
Deer

Zenitsu hiding and stealing food.
Manju is delicious!

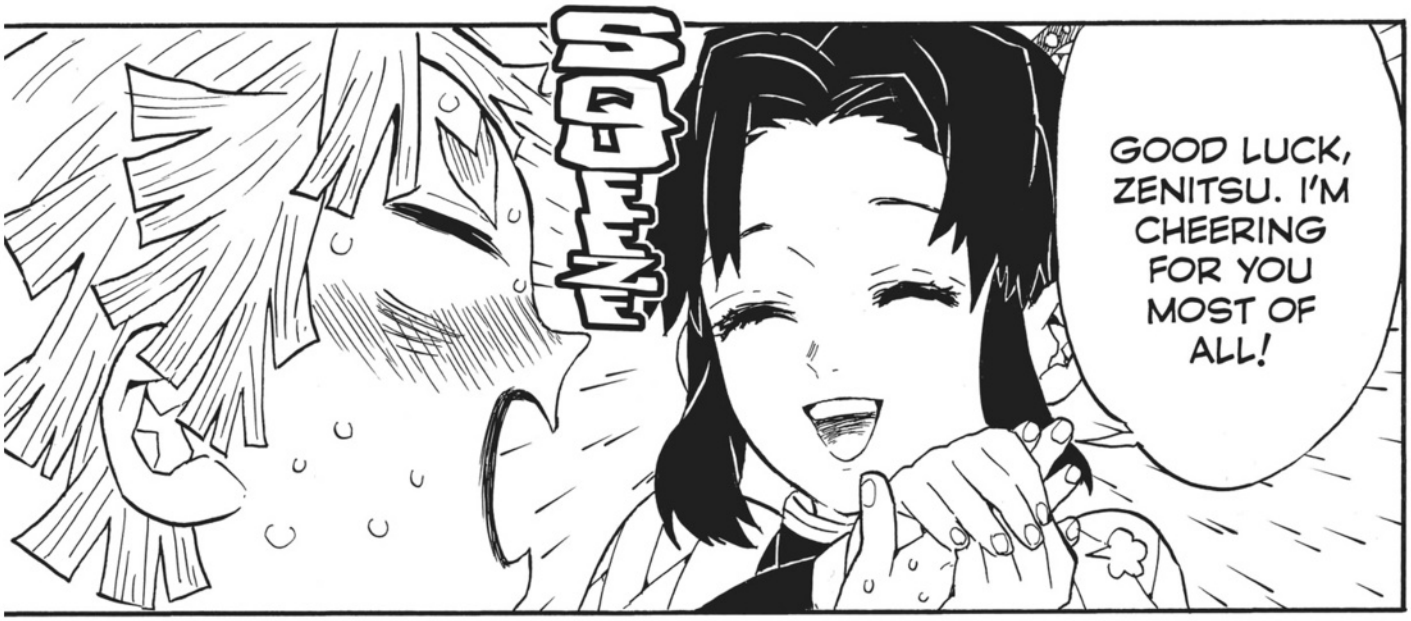
# CHAPTER 51: THE NICHIRIN SWORD RETURNS

WE REALIZED WE WERE TOTAL LOSERS.
...EVEN WHEN HE TAUGHT US CAREFULLY, WE DIDN'T GET BETTER.
GO LIKE THIS... AND LIKE THIS...
THEN LIKE THIS...
MAYBE BECAUSE TANJIRO WAS SO FAR BEYOND US NOW...

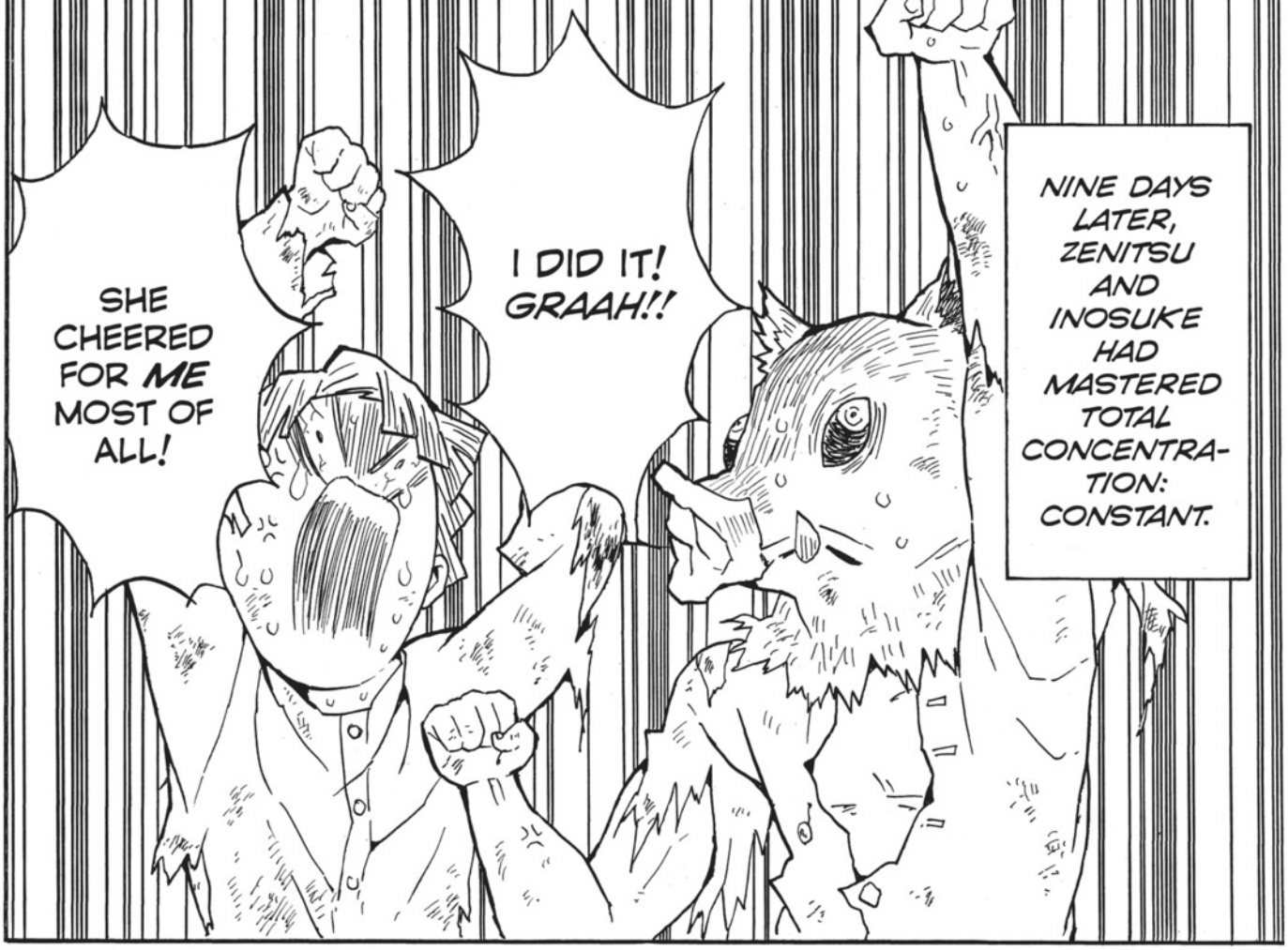
THE TECHNIQUE TANJIRO MASTERED IS CALLED *TOTAL CONCENTRATION: CONSTANT.*
BY DOING TOTAL CONCENTRATION BREATHING EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY...
...PHYSICAL FITNESS DRASTICALLY IMPROVES.

IT'S A BASIC MOVE... A BEGINNER'S TECHNIQUE, SO OF COURSE...
...HE COULD *DO* IT...
...BUT MASTERING IT REQUIRES INCREDIBLE EFFORT!

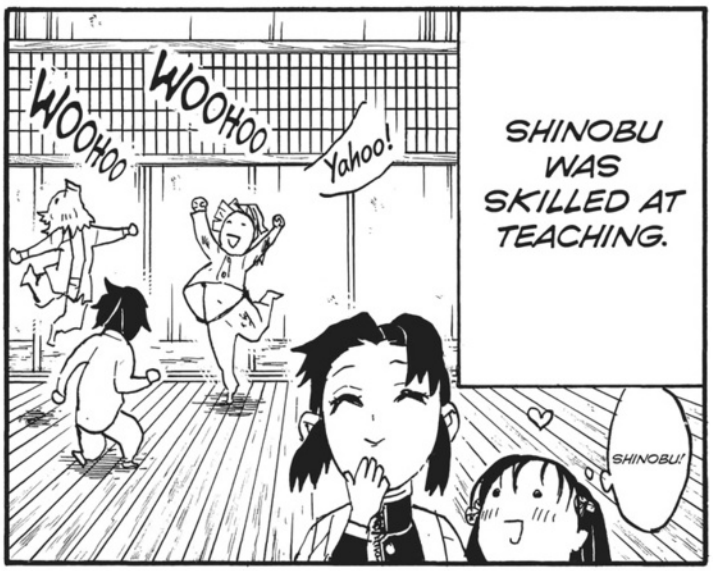
ANYWAY, OF COURSE YOU CAN DO IT...
...BUT IF YOU CAN'T, THEN THAT'S THAT.
IT'D BE A SHAME, THOUGH.
PAT
HUUUH?! IF IT'S POSSIBLE, THEN OF COURSE I'LL DO IT!
DON'T TALK DOWN TO ME! I'LL MESS YOU UP! GRAH!
INOSUKE IS REALLY WORKED UP.


GOOD LUCK, ZENITSU. I'M CHEERING FOR YOU MOST OF ALL!
SQUEEZE

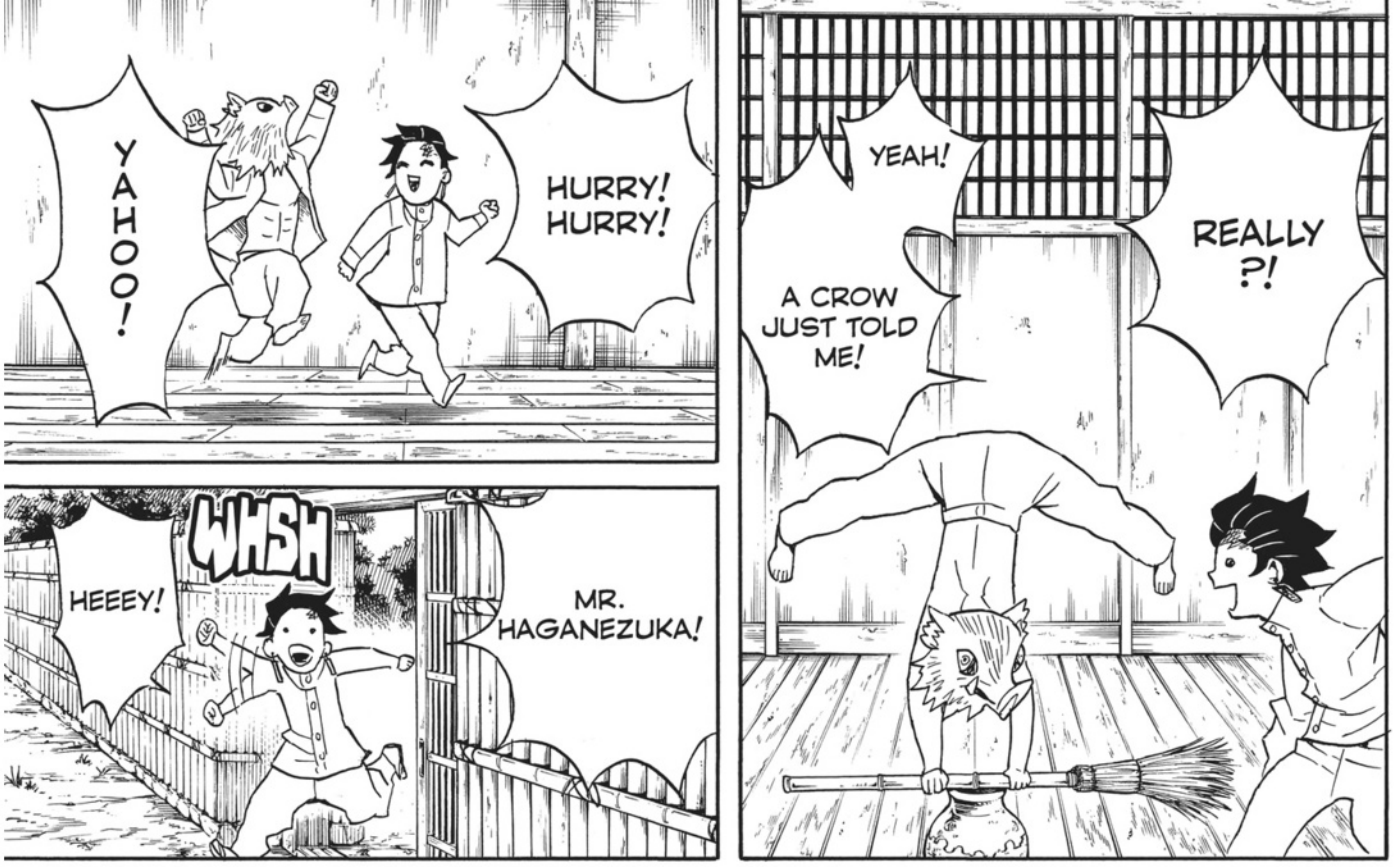
I'LL DO IT!
YAY!
AND NOW SO IS ZENITSU.

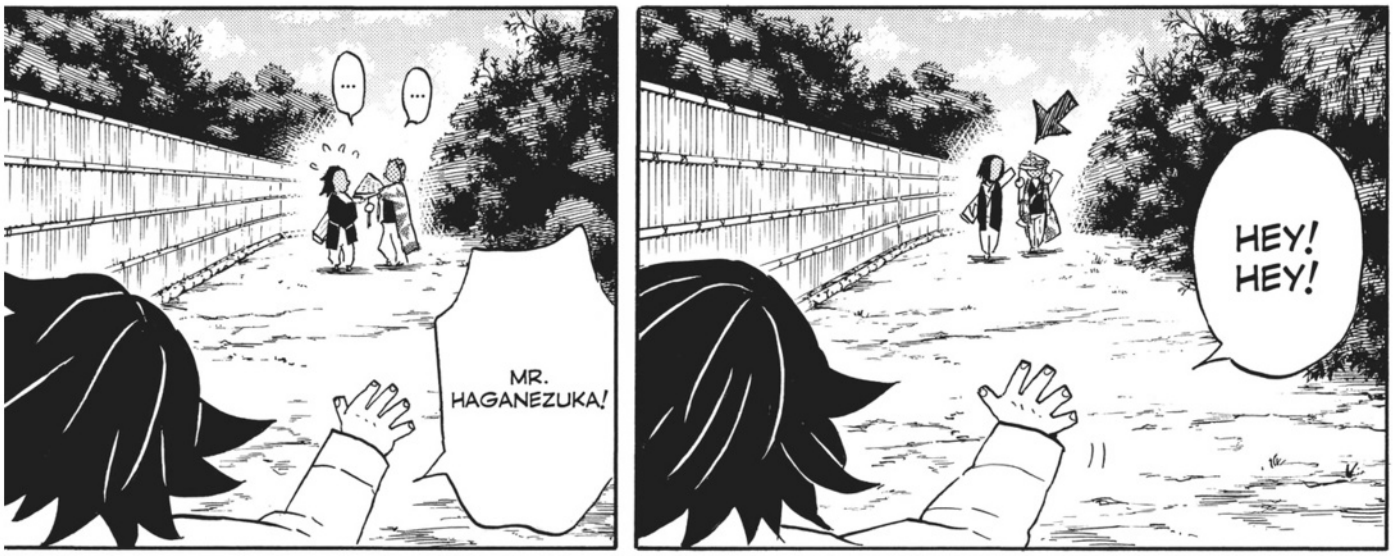

NINE DAYS LATER, ZENITSU AND INOSUKE HAD MASTERED TOTAL CONCENTRATION: CONSTANT.
I DID IT! GRAAH!!
SHE CHEERED FOR ME MOST OF ALL!

AND TANJIRO WAS TRULY AWFUL AT TEACHING PEOPLE.
Good for you!

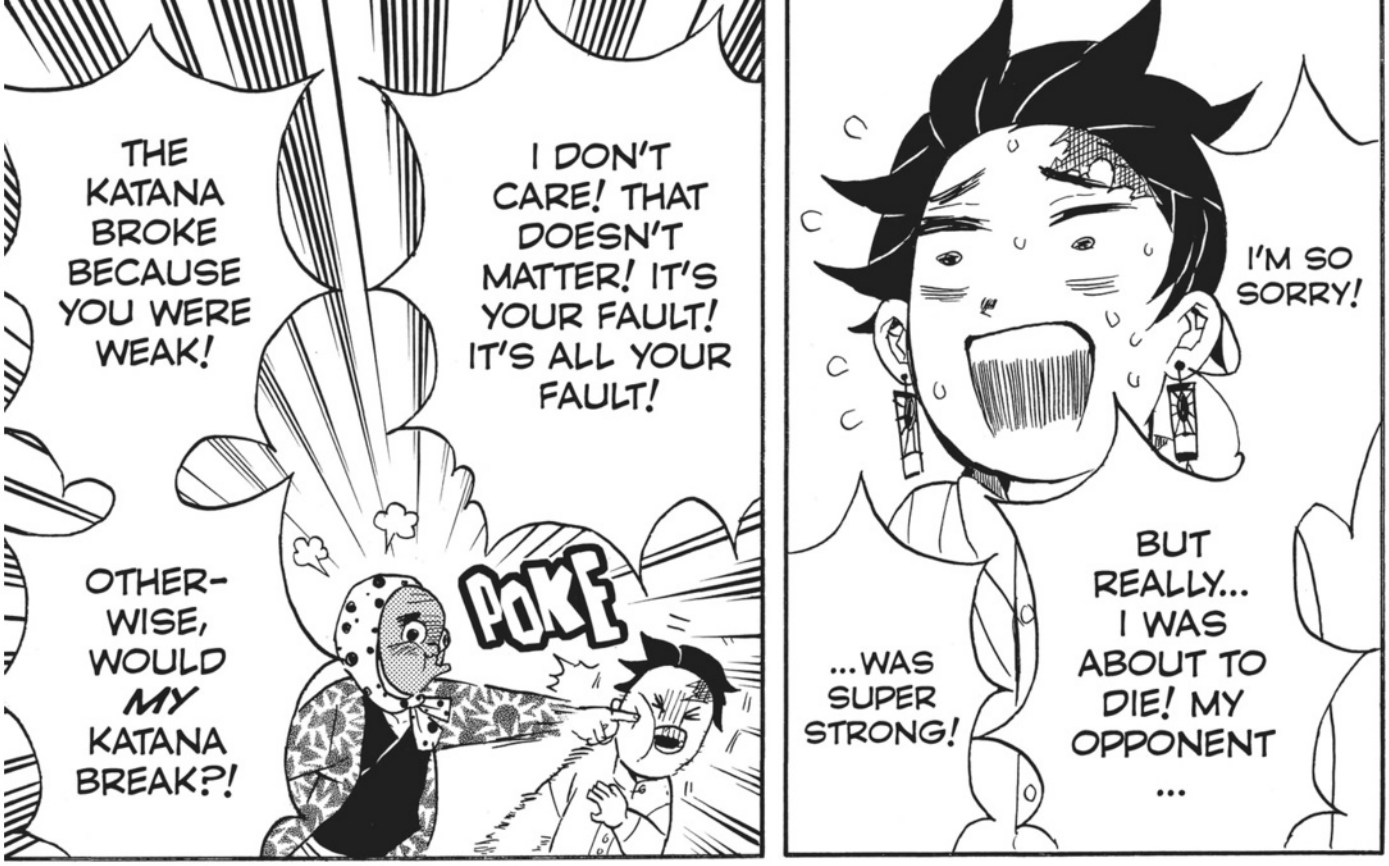

SHINOBU WAS SKILLED AT TEACHING.
WOOHOO
WOOHOO
Yahoo!
SHINOBU!

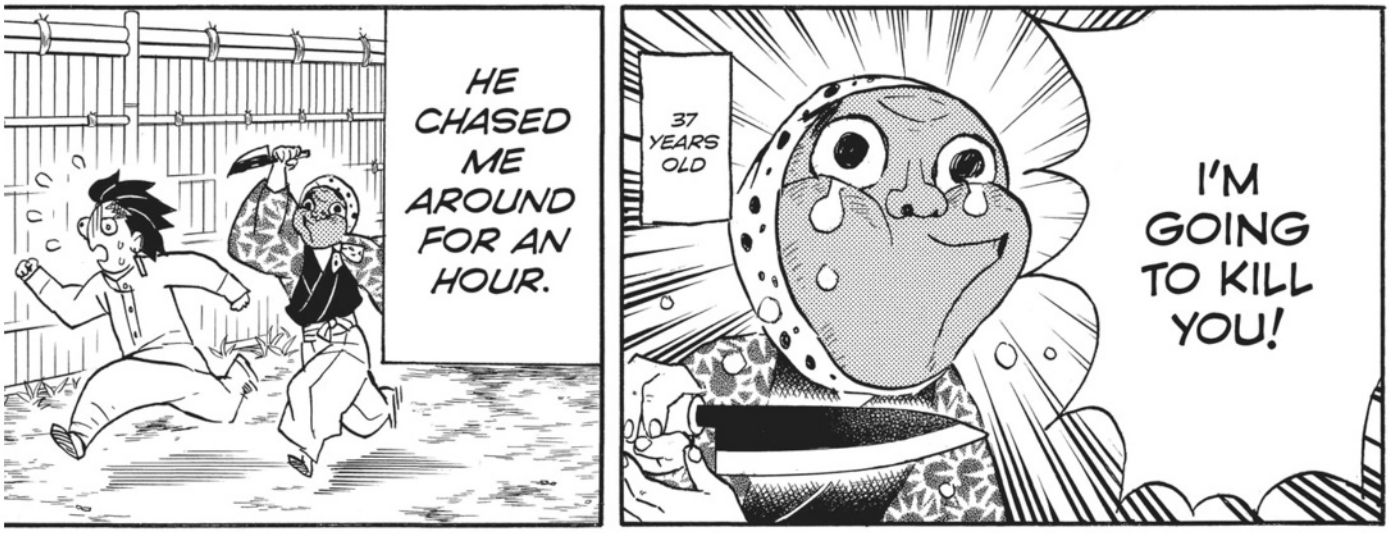
I HEAR THAT MY REFORGED NICHIRIN SWORD ARRIVES TODAY!
INOSUKE! ZENITSU!


YAHOO!
HURRY! HURRY!
YEAH!
A CROW JUST TOLD ME!
REALLY ?!
WHSH
HEEEY!
MR. HAGANEZUKA!


...
...
MR. HAGANEZUKA!
HEY! HEY!

... WELL?
TMP
TMP
TMP
HAVE YOU BEEN...
TP
TP
TP
IT'S BEEN SO LONG!


THE KATANA BROKE BECAUSE YOU WERE WEAK!
I DON'T CARE! THAT DOESN'T MATTER! IT'S YOUR FAULT! IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
OTHER-WISE, WOULD MY KATANA BREAK?!
POKE
I'M SO SORRY!
BUT REALLY... I WAS ABOUT TO DIE! MY OPPONENT ...
...WAS SUPER STRONG!


HE CHASED ME AROUND FOR AN HOUR.
37 YEARS OLD
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!

...IS TWICE AS STRONG AS ANYONE ELSE'S.
WELL, HAGANEZUKA IS A PASSIONATE ARTISAN. HIS LOVE FOR KATANAS...
...I'M KANAMORI.
OH...

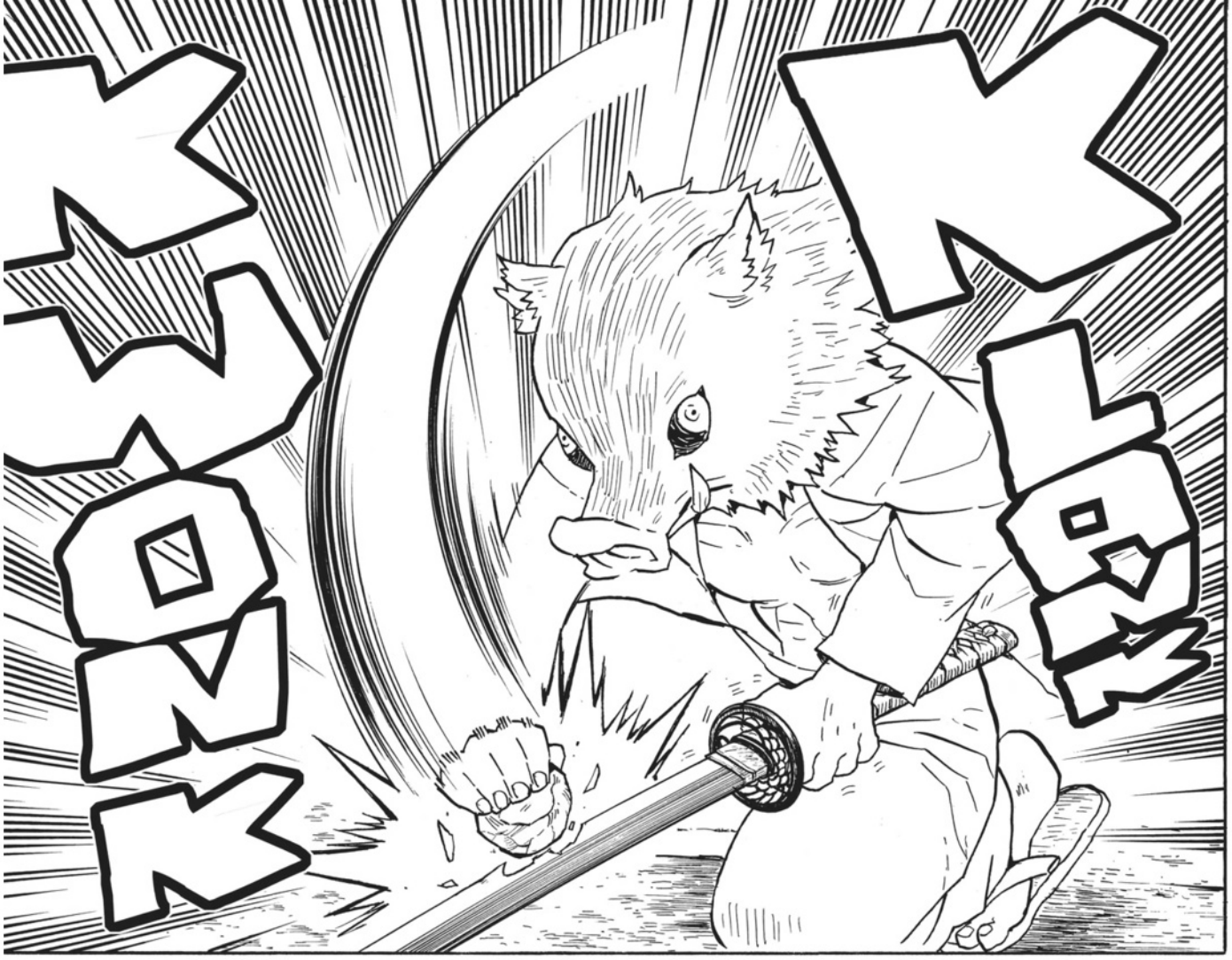
TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP

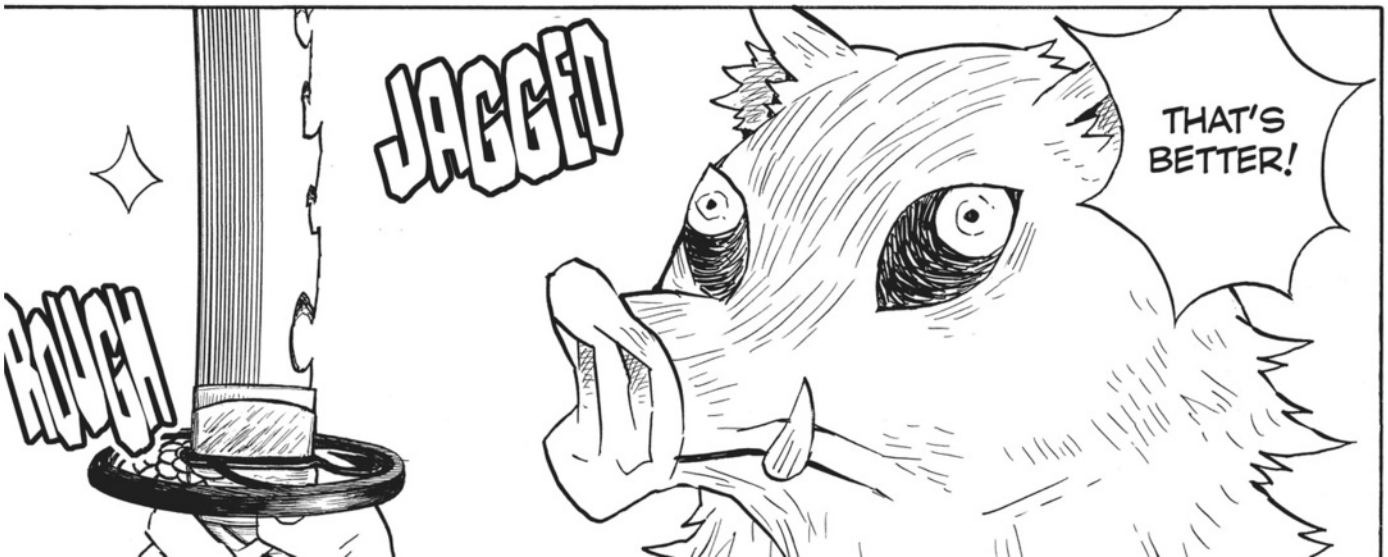
W-
WHY...?

FWSH
GYAAAH!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU BROKE MY SWORD!

I FORGED NEW SWORDS FOR YOU, LORD INOSUKE.
IF THEY SERVE YOU WELL IN BATTLE, I'LL BE HAPPY.
NOD
NOD
...
SHWINN
AHH, THEY'RE SO PRETTY. THE BLUE-GRAY HAS A FAINT SHINE.
AN ELEGANT COLOR THAT BEFITS A KATANA.
GOOD. INOSUKE'S BLADES WERE TERRIBLY CHIPPED.
POF
POW
BIF
OW OW OW.
HOW DO THEY FEEL IN YOUR HANDS?
NOD
IT'S MY FIRST TIME MAKING KATANAS FOR A TWO-HANDED FIGHTER.
NOD
CLOMP
CLOMP
?
LORD INOSUKE ?
TODD
TODD
SWIP

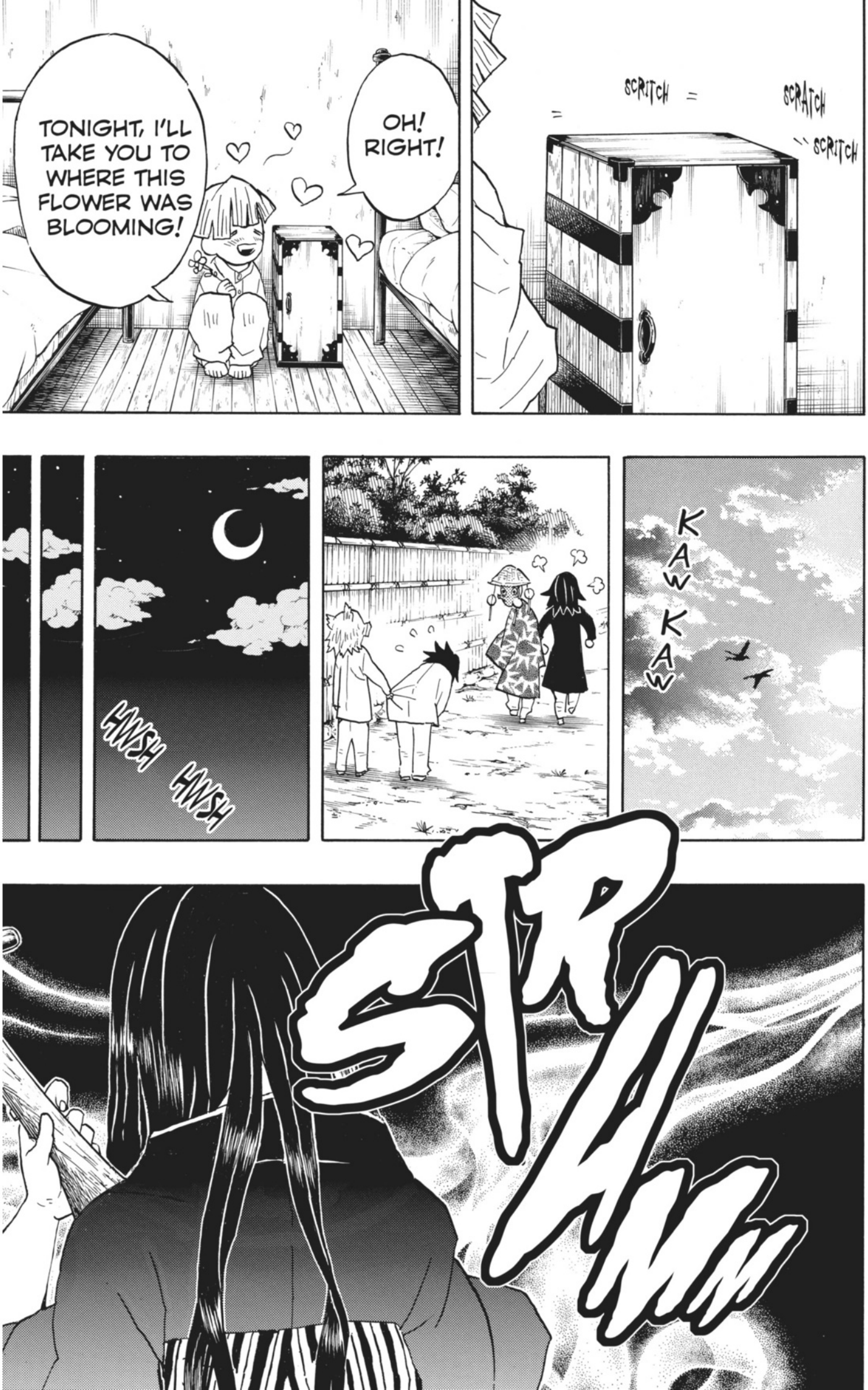

KLONK


JAGGED
ROUGH
THAT'S BETTER!

KABOOM
I'M GONNA KILL YOU, YOU THANK-LESS BRAT!
HE'S SORRY! REALLY, HE'S SORRY!

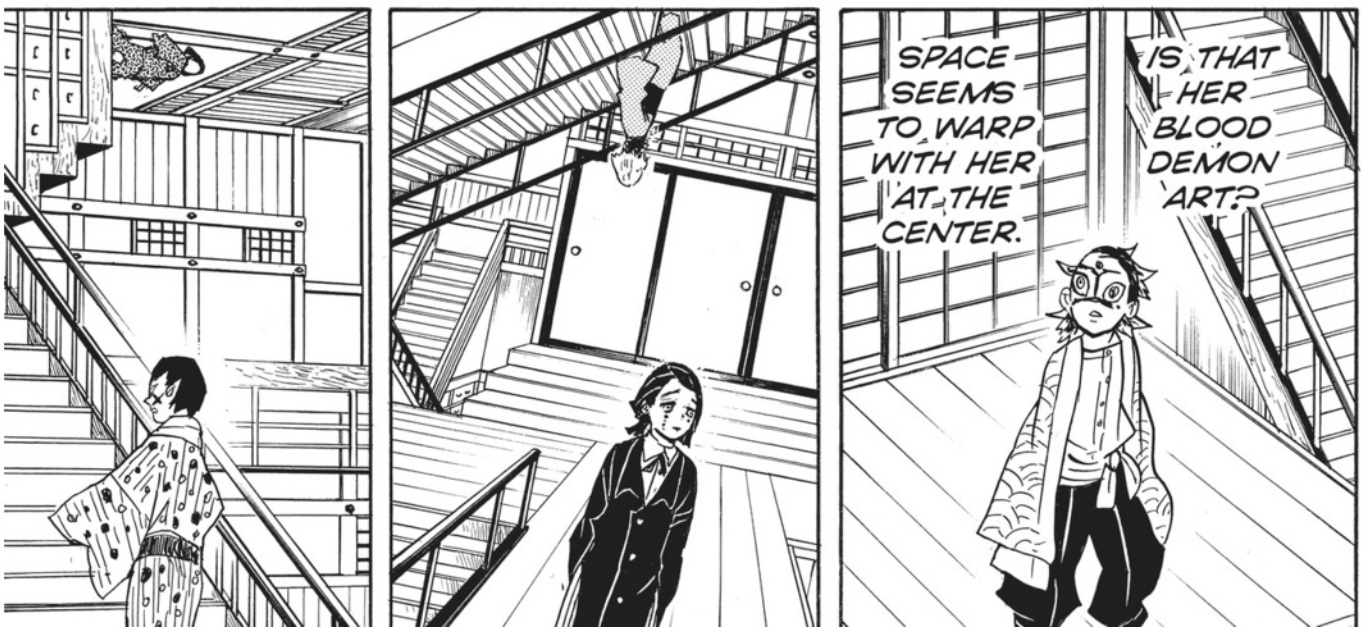
...INOSUKE MOVED LIKE AN OCTOPUS UNDERWATER, SO I ACCIDENTALLY LET OUT MY AIR!
AND RUNNING WAS SO EXHAUSTING! AND DURING OUR BREATH-HOLDING TRAINING...

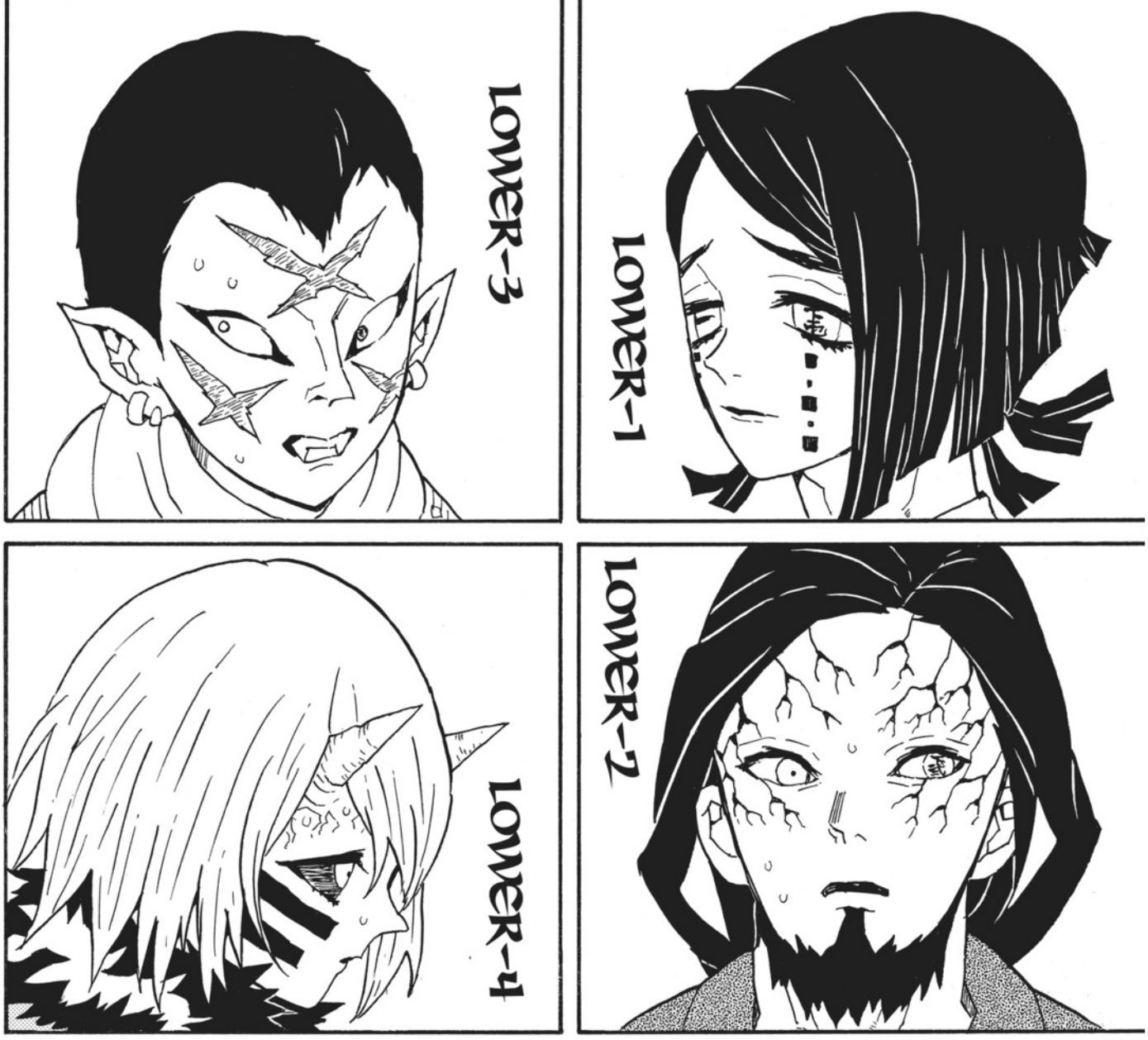
TANJIRO ENCOUR-AGED ME THE WHOLE TIME.
BUT I LIKE BEING ABLE TO DO MORE THAN I COULD BEFORE.
HE'S A GOOD BROTHER, NEZUKO.


TONIGHT, I'LL TAKE YOU TO WHERE THIS FLOWER WAS BLOOMING!
OH! RIGHT!
SCRITCH
SCRATCH
SCRITCH
SWISH SWISH
KAW KAW
STOP

SR
AH
?!
?!
?!
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?!
下陸

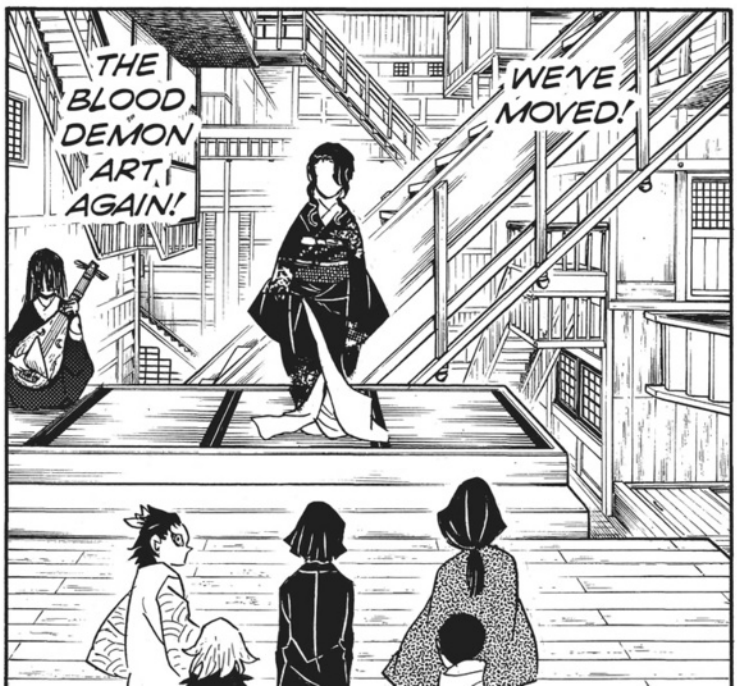
PI
NK
GASP
PLINK
PLINK
PLINK

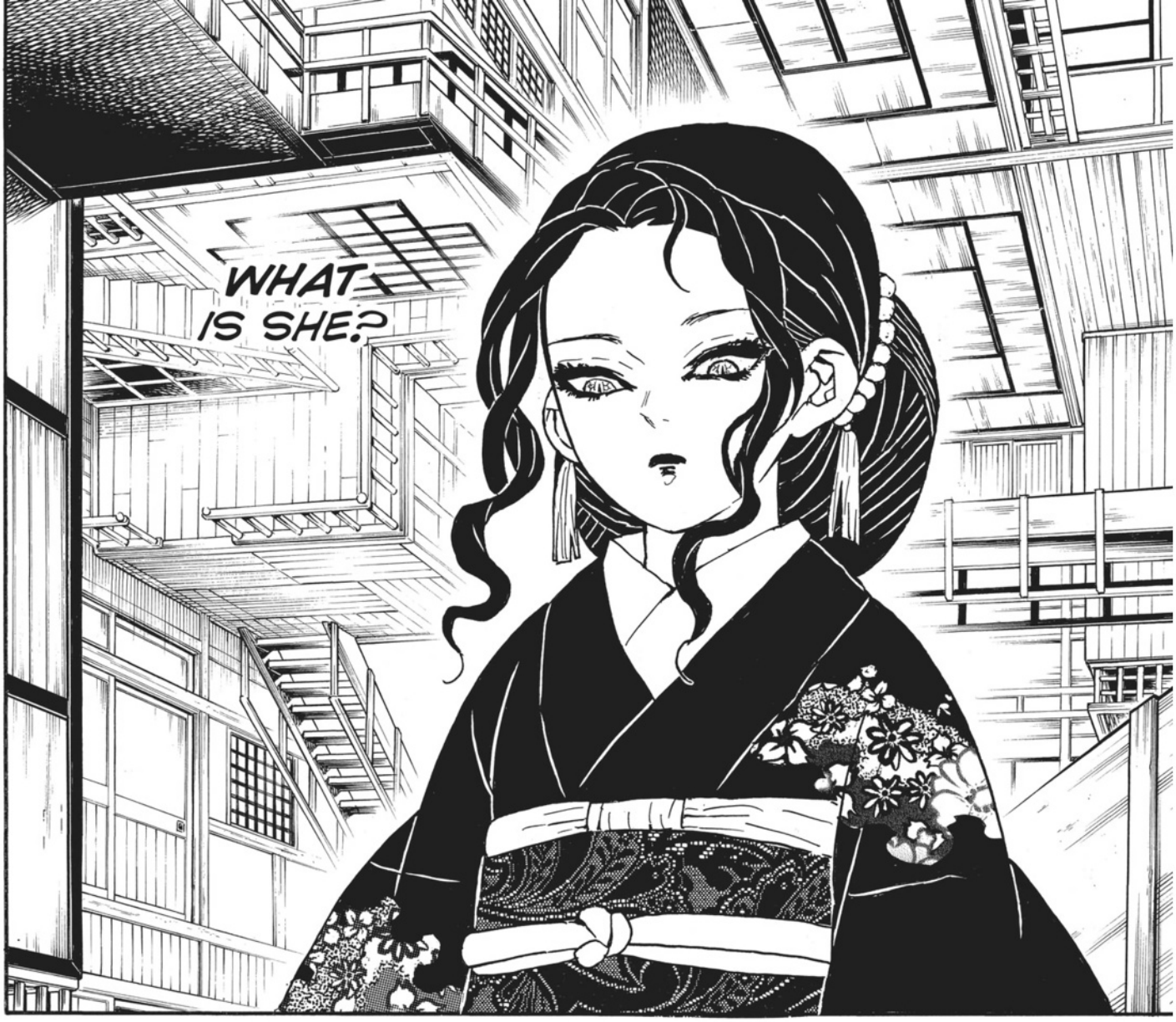

SPACE SEEMS TO WARP WITH HER AT THE CENTER.
IS THAT HER BLOOD DEMON ART?


LOWER-1
LOWER-3
LOWER-2
LOWER-4

LOWER-5 STILL HASN'T COME.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME.
ONLY THE LOWER RANKS OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI HAVE GATHERED.
STILL

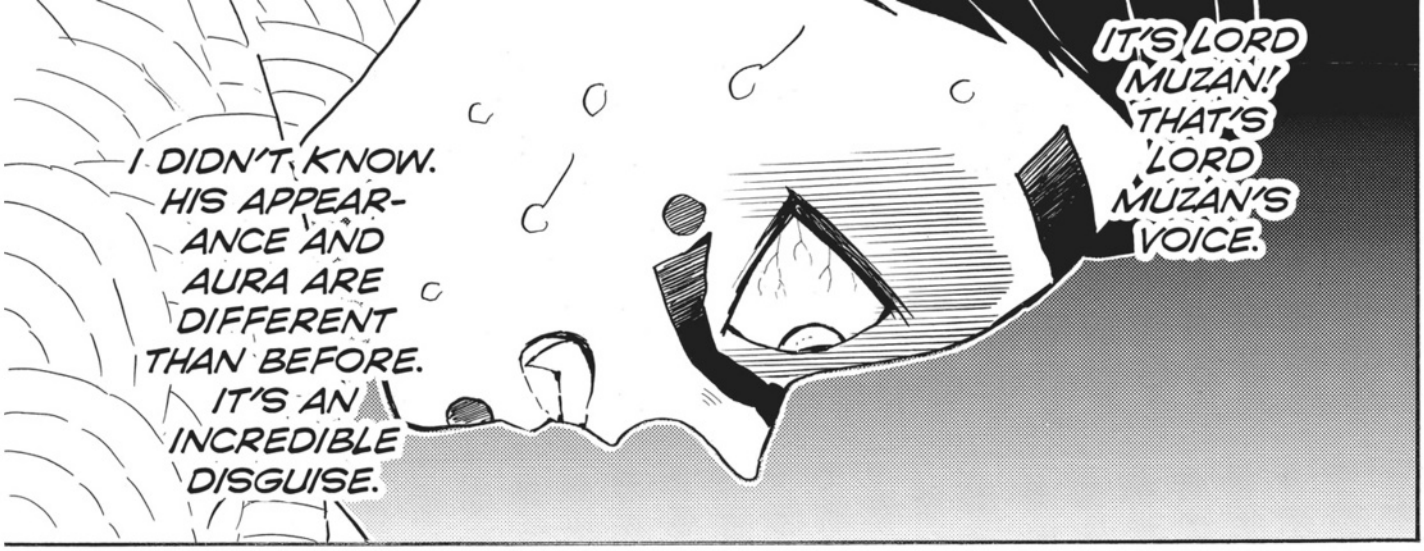
WHO IS THIS WOMAN?


THE BLOOD DEMON ART, AGAIN!
WE'VE MOVED!

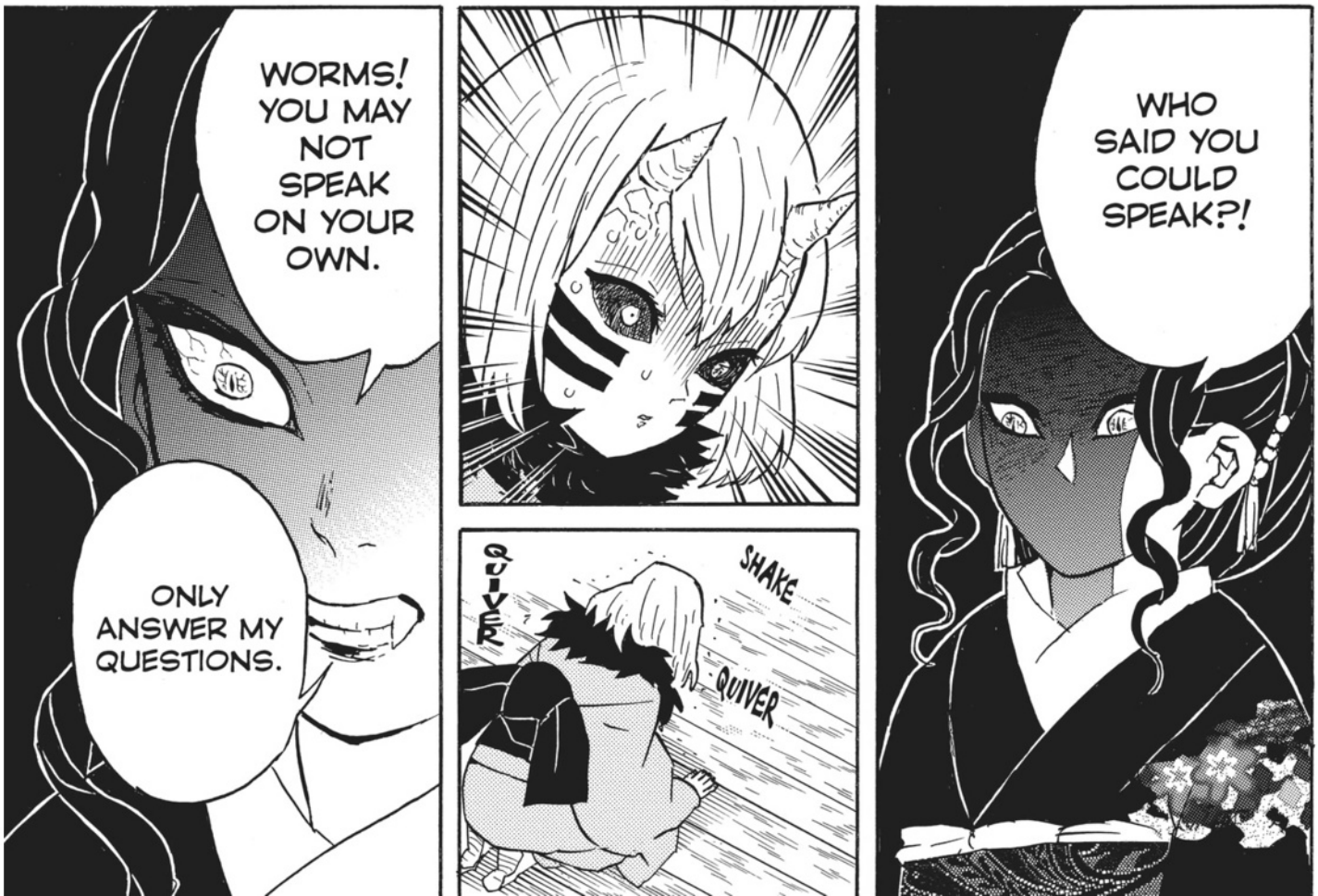

WHAT IS SHE?

LOWER YOUR HEADS...
...AND BOW!

BOW
BOW


I DIDN'T KNOW. HIS APPEAR-ANCE AND AURA ARE DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE DISGUISE.
IT'S LORD MUZAN! THAT'S LORD MUZAN'S VOICE.

YOUR APPEARANCE AND AURA ARE DIFFERENT, SO—
M'LORD ...
MY APOLOGIES!


WORMS! YOU MAY NOT SPEAK ON YOUR OWN.
ONLY ANSWER MY QUESTIONS.
QUIVER
SHAKE
QUIVER
WHO SAID YOU COULD SPEAK?!

RUI WAS KILLED. HE WAS LOWER-5.

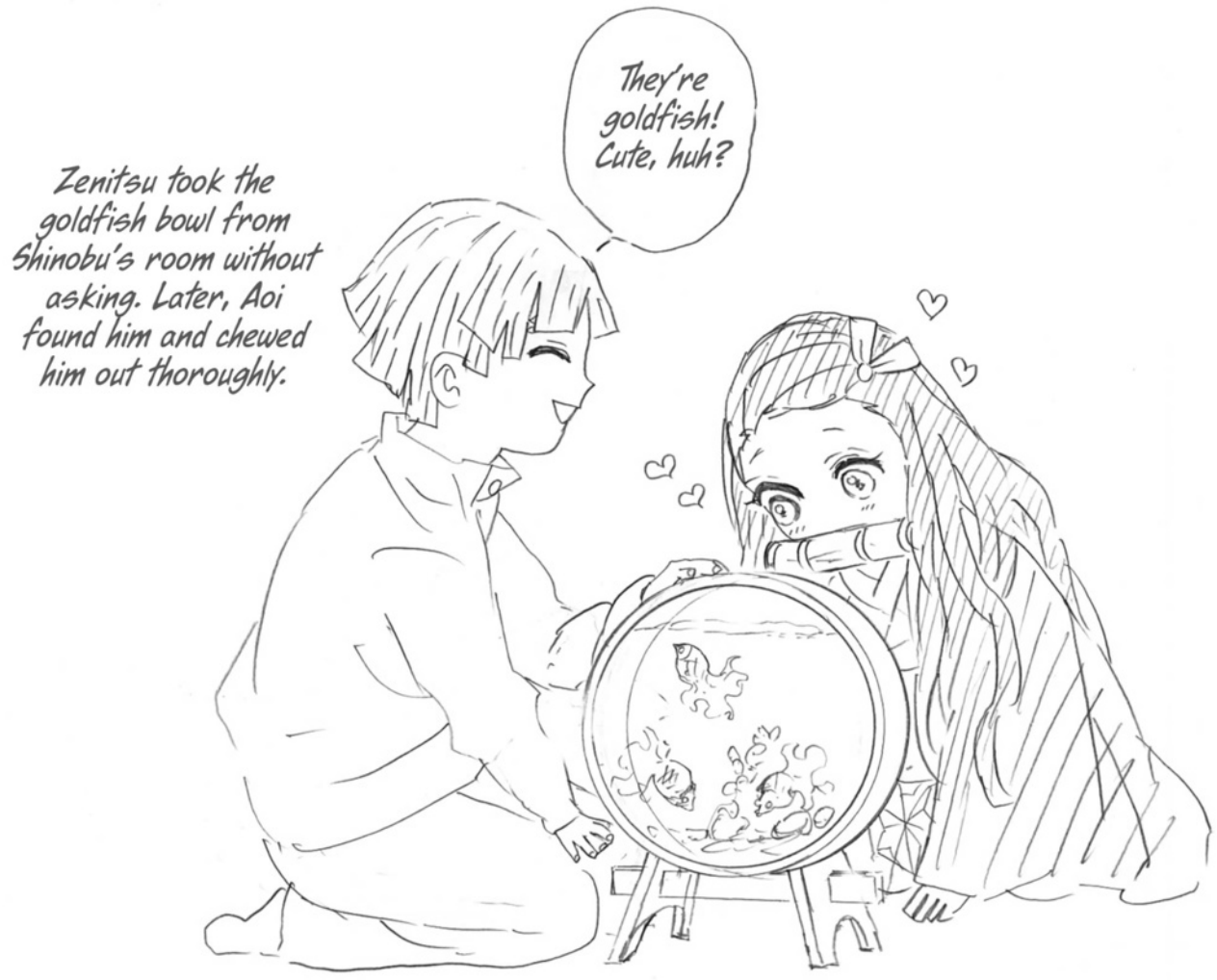
I WANT TO ASK ONLY ONE THING.
WHY ARE YOU MEMBERS OF THE LOWER RANKS SO WEAK?

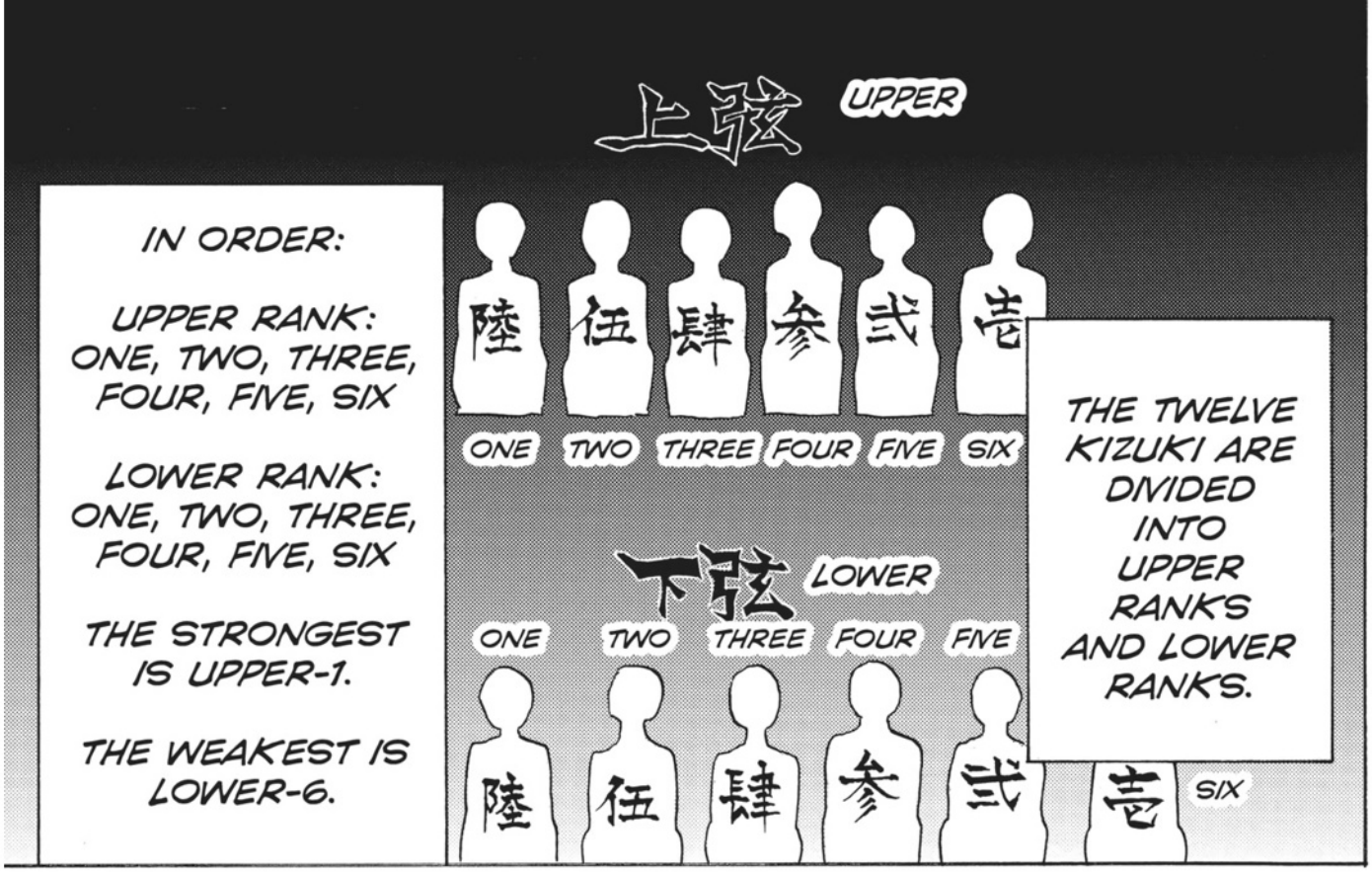
JOINING THE TWELVE KIZUKI IS NOT THE END... MERELY THE BEGINNING.
YOU MUST EAT MORE PEOPLE, GET STRONGER, AND BECOME MORE USEFUL TO ME.

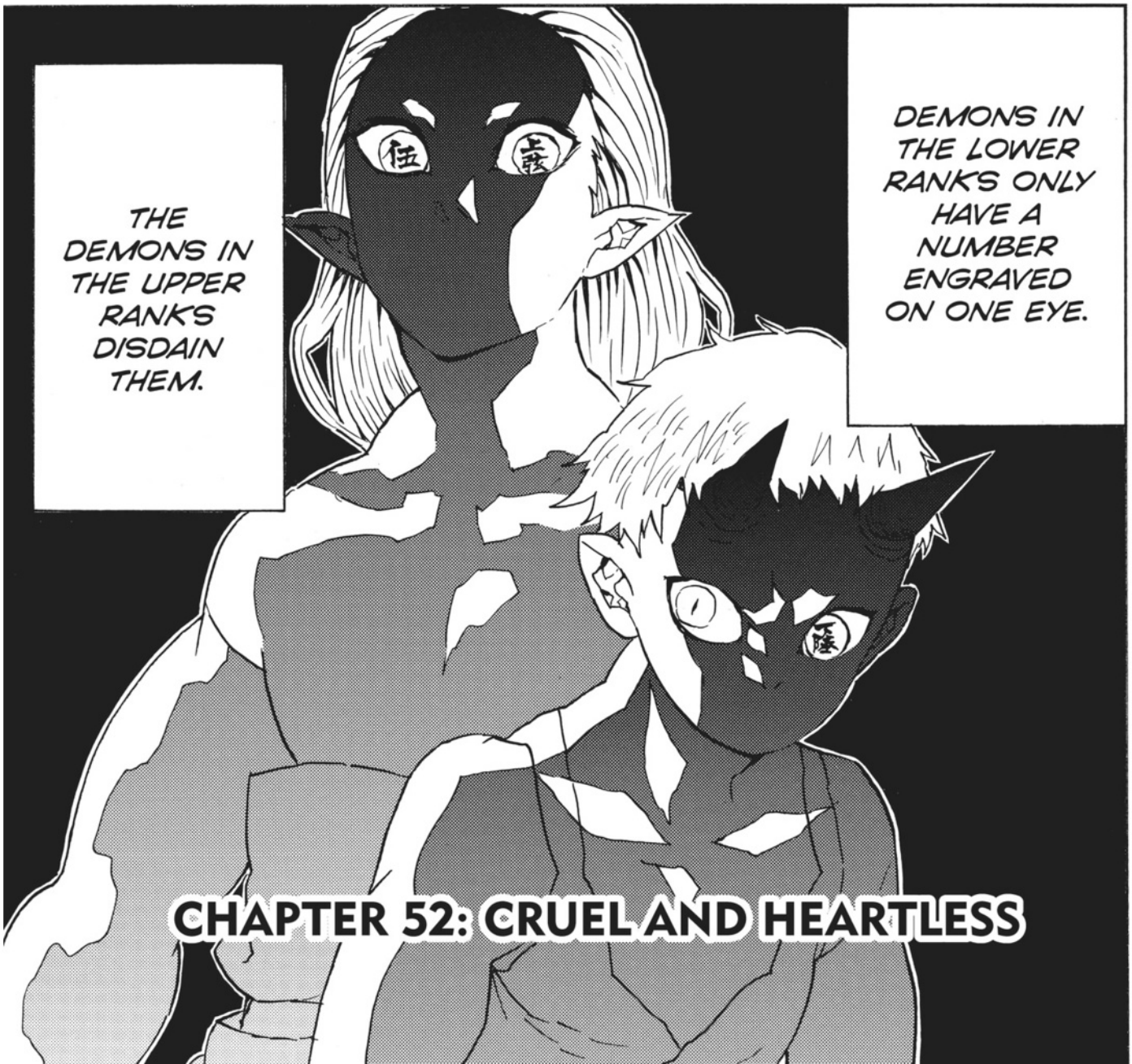
FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, THE MEMBERS OF THE UPPER RANKS OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI HAVE NOT CHANGED.
THE ONES WHO PUT THE DEMON-SLAYING HASHIRA IN THEIR GRAVES ARE ALWAYS IN THE UPPER RANKS. BUT WHAT ABOUT THE *LOWER* RANKS? HOW MANY TIMES HAVE THOSE MEMBERS CHANGED?

*WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO SAY TO THAT?*
"WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO SAY TO THAT?"
YOU CAN ANSWER MY QUESTION.

CRI NGE
?!
HE CAN READ OUR THOUGHTS?
UH-OH!
WHAT HAS YOU SO WORRIED?
TELL ME.


They're goldfish! Cute, huh?
Zenitsu took the goldfish bowl from Shinobu's room without asking. Later, Aoi found him and chewed him out thoroughly.


上弦 UPPER
IN ORDER:
UPPER RANK: ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX
LOWER RANK: ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX
THE STRONGEST IS UPPER-1.
THE WEAKEST IS LOWER-6.
陸 伍 肆 参 弐 壱
ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX
THE TWELVE KIZUKI ARE DIVIDED INTO UPPER RANKS AND LOWER RANKS.
下弦 LOWER
ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX
陸 伍 肆 参 弐 壱

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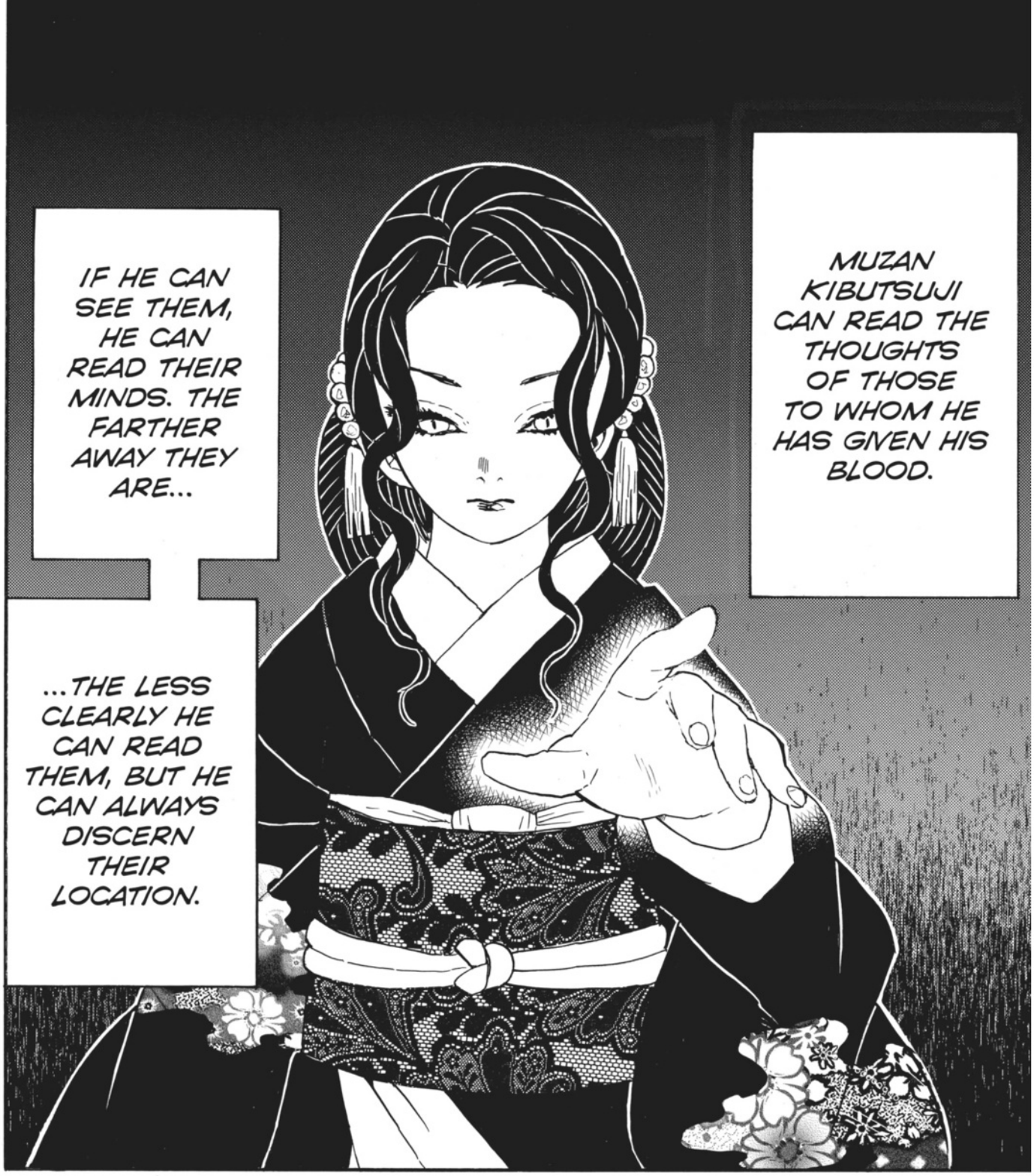
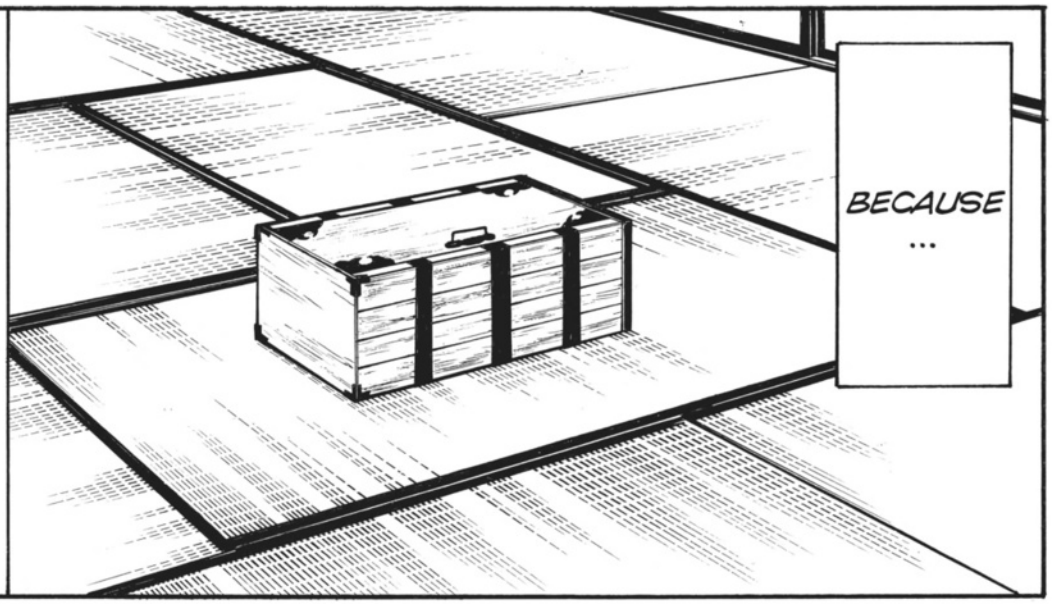

MUZAN KIBUTSUJI CAN READ THE THOUGHTS OF THOSE TO WHOM HE HAS GIVEN HIS BLOOD.
IF HE CAN SEE THEM, HE CAN READ THEIR MINDS. THE FARTHER AWAY THEY ARE...
...THE LESS CLEARLY HE CAN READ THEM, BUT HE CAN ALWAYS DISCERN THEIR LOCATION.

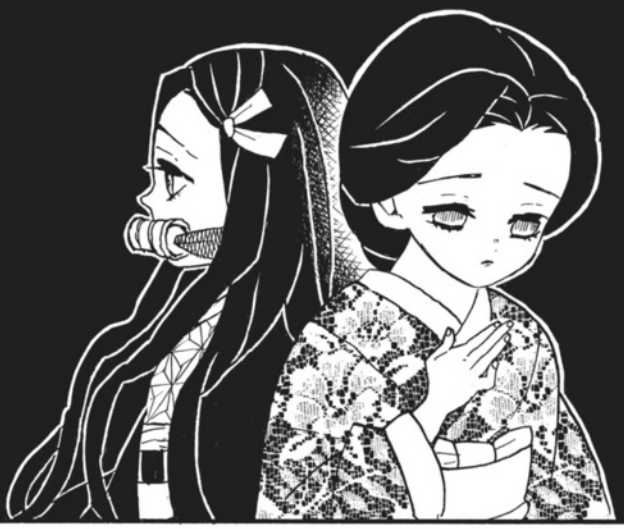
...WHEN NEZUKO WAS TAKEN TO UBUYASHIKI MANSION, IT WAS A TERRIBLE THING FOR THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.
HE KNOWS WHERE THEY ARE.
WHICH MEANS ...

...THE MOMENT THAT NEZUKO ARRIVED, KIBUTSUJI KNEW WHERE UBUYASHIKI'S HEAD-QUARTERS WAS.



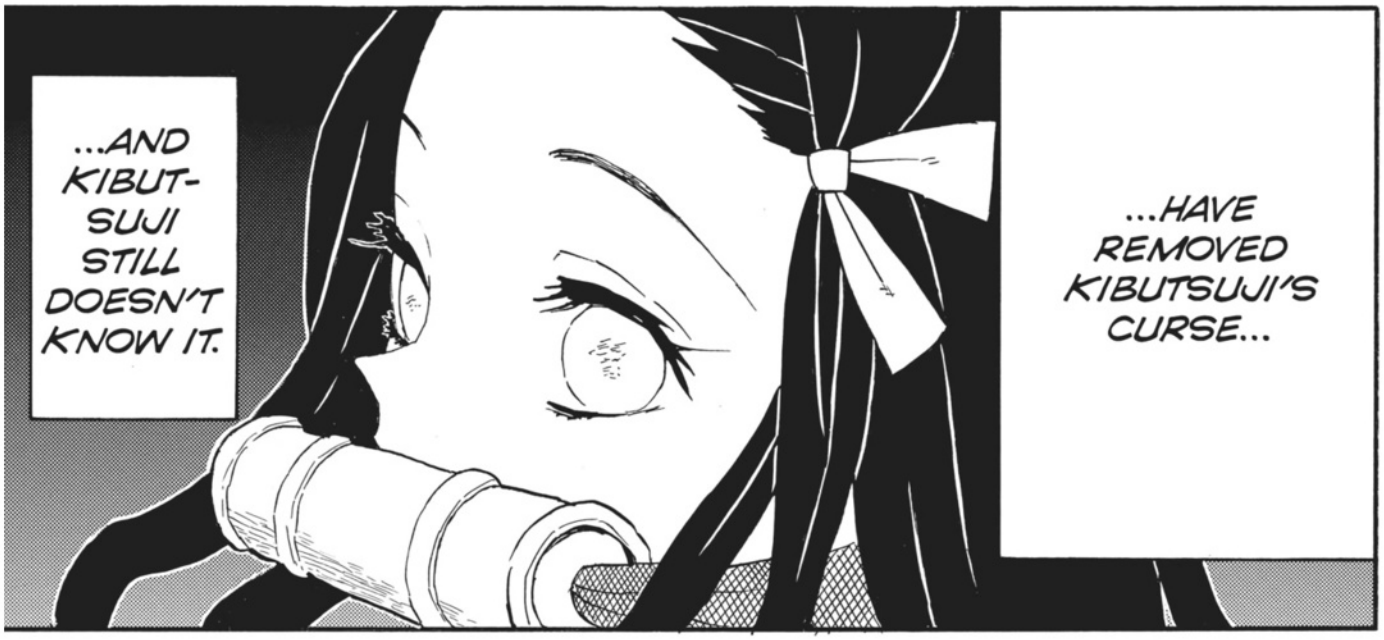
BECAUSE ...

TAMAYO'S AND NEZUKO'S EFFORTS ...

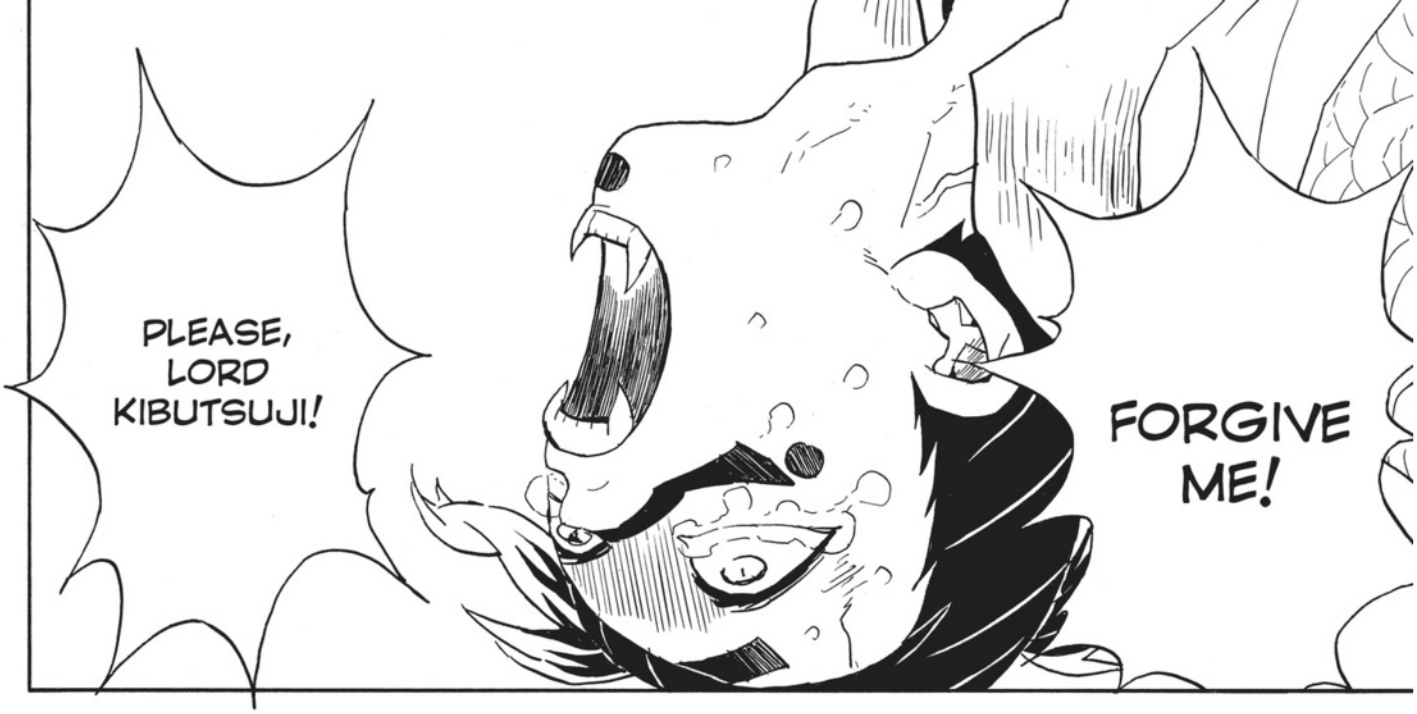


TO THIS POINT, HOWEVER, KIBUTSUJI HAS NOT GRASPED THAT.

...AND KIBUT-SUJI STILL DOESN'T KNOW IT.



...HAVE REMOVED KIBUTSUJI'S CURSE...

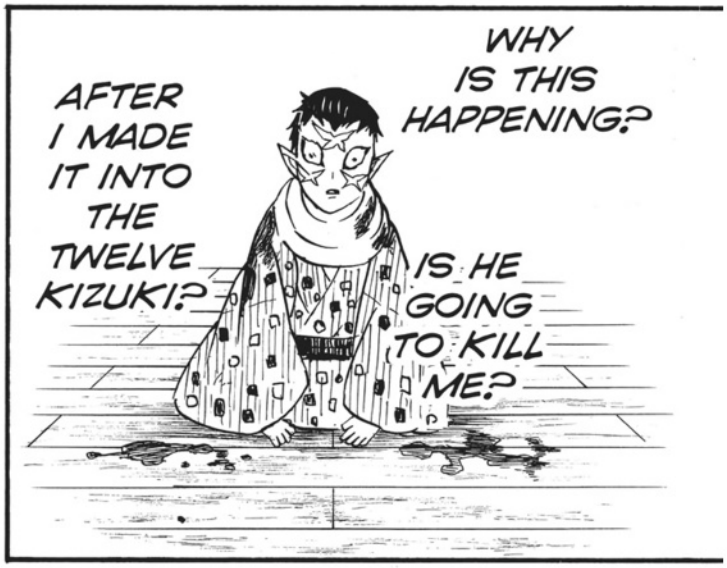

PLEASE, LORD KIBUTSUJI!
FORGIVE ME!

PLEASE! MERCY!

I'M SORRY!
FORGIVE ME!
I'M S—
AAA
GYAH!
CHOMP
CRUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH

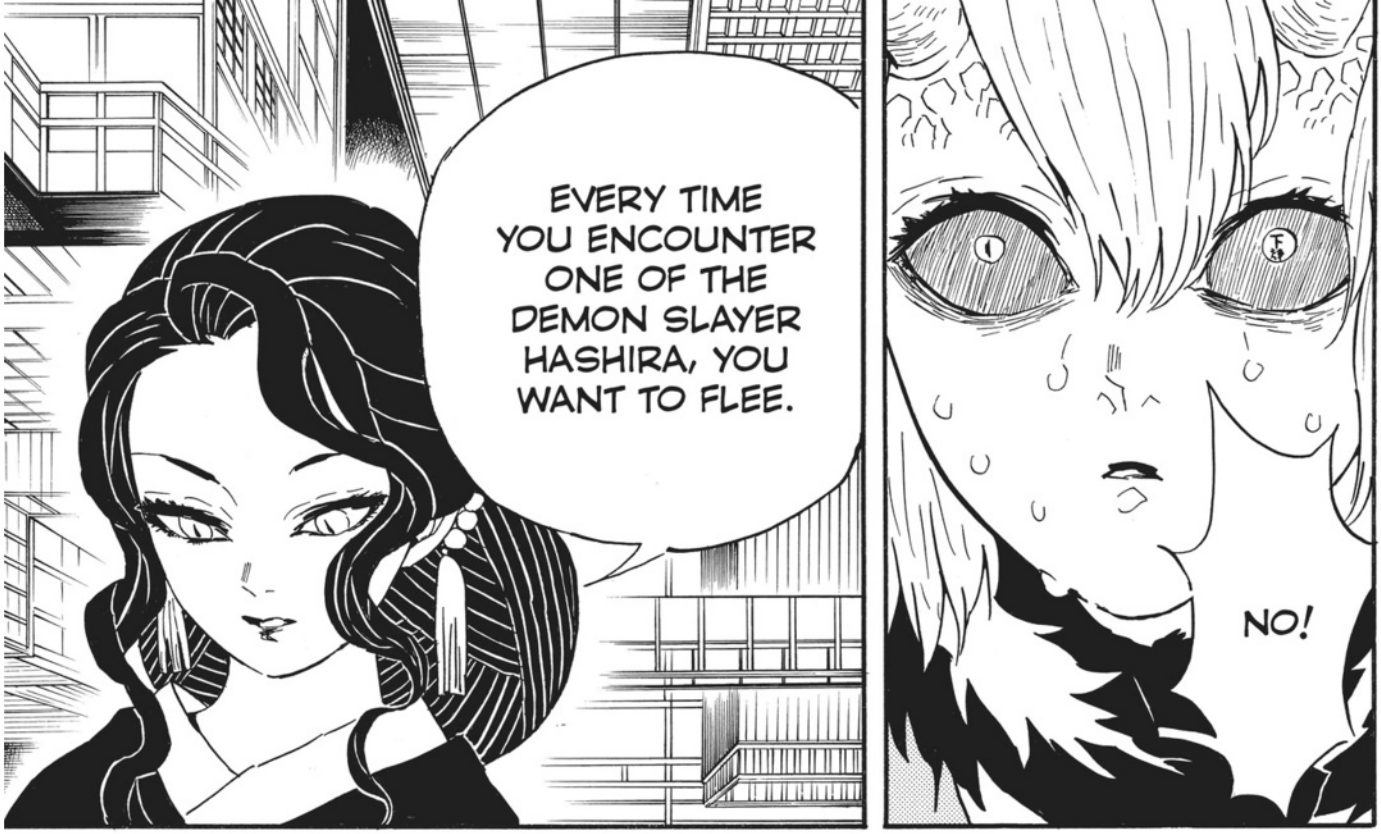
BURP
GULP

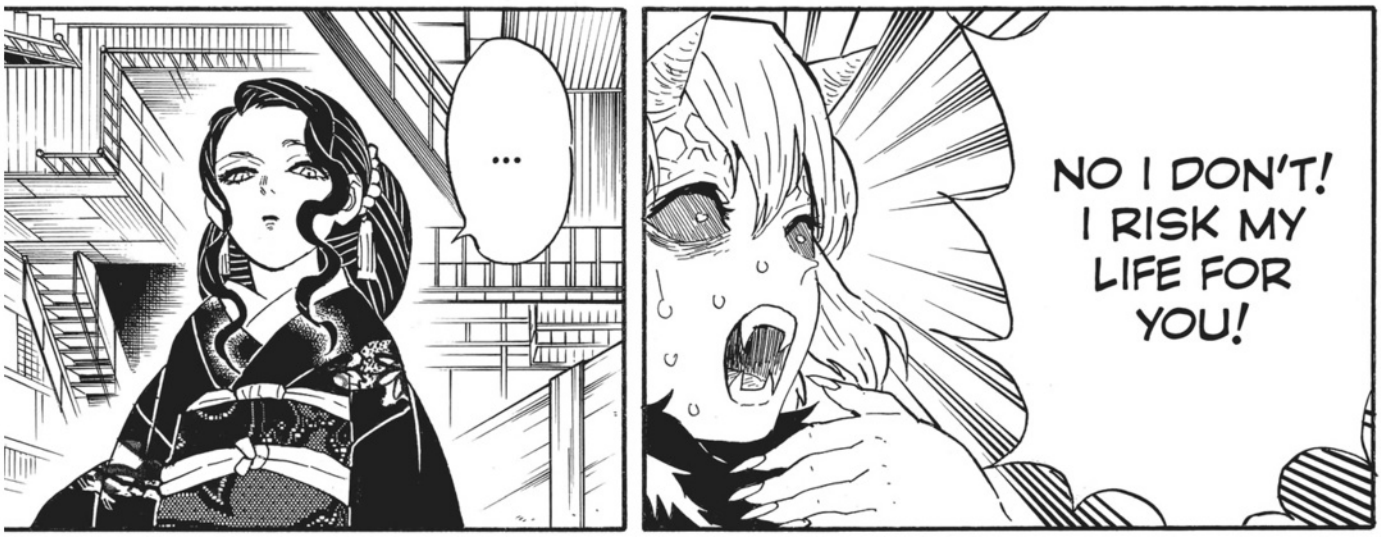
DIZZY
I WANTED TO DO MORE ...
WHY ...? WHY ...?
DIZZY


AFTER I MADE IT INTO THE TWELVE KIZUKI?
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?
IS HE GOING TO KILL ME?

ARE YOU MORE AFRAID OF THE DEMON SLAYERS THAN OF ME?

FLINCH
!


EVERY TIME YOU ENCOUNTER ONE OF THE DEMON SLAYER HASHIRA, YOU WANT TO FLEE.
NO!

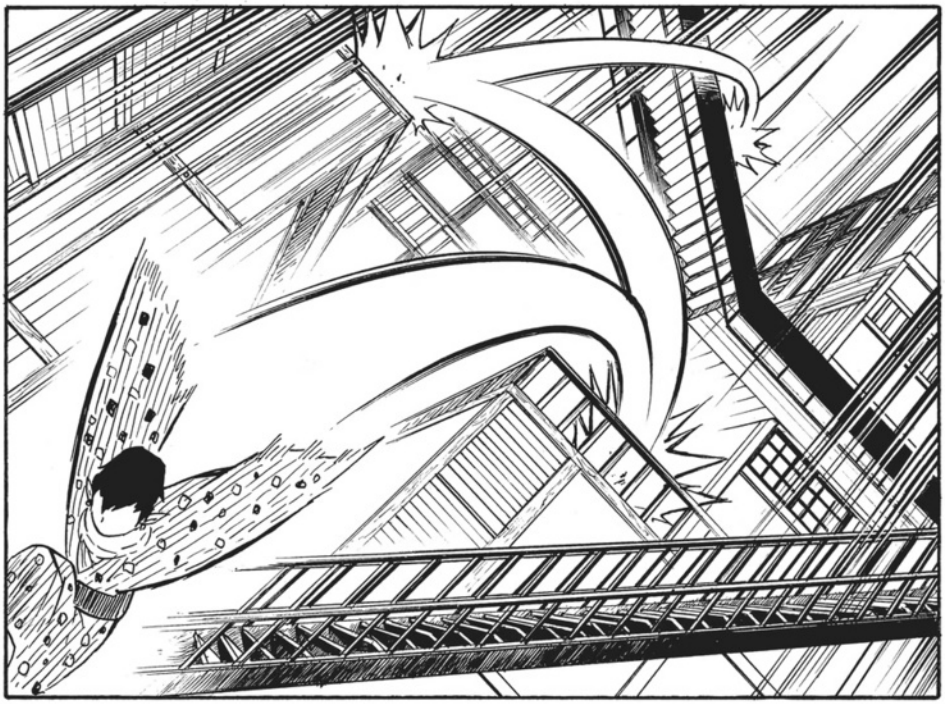

...
NO I DON'T! I RISK MY LIFE FOR YOU!

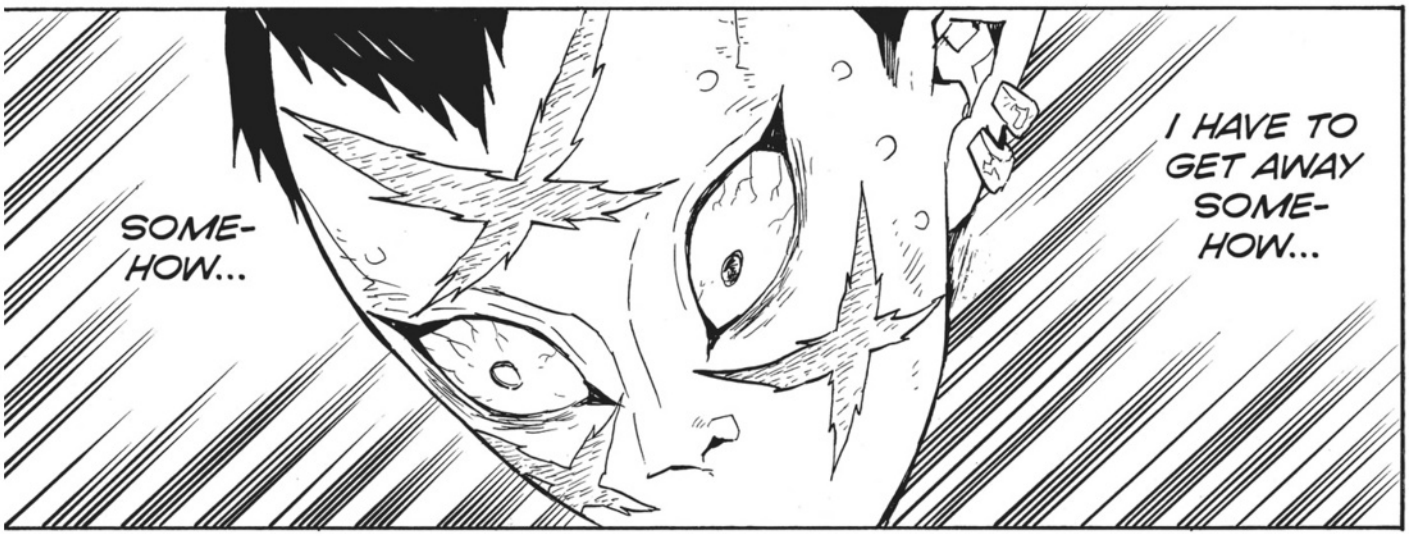
ARE YOU *CONTRADICTING* WHAT I SAY?

SPLAT
OH NO. THIS IS THE END.
HE'LL READ MY THOUGHTS, AND WHETHER I AGREE OR DISAGREE, HE'LL KILL ME.
THERE'S NO WAY TO FIGHT AND WIN.
CHOMP
CRUNCH
MUNCH

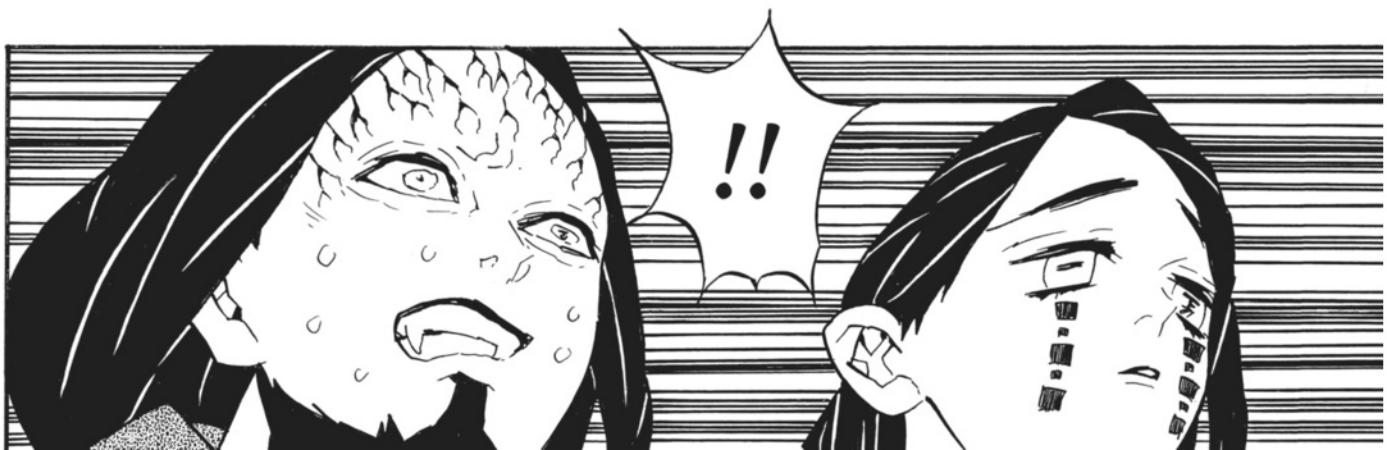
SSWE
MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO RUN!

THE FOOL.




SOME-HOW...
I HAVE TO GET AWAY SOME-HOW...

I WILL DISMANTLE THE LOWER RANKS.
I'VE BEGUN TO THINK THE UPPER RANKS OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI ARE ALL THAT IS NEEDED.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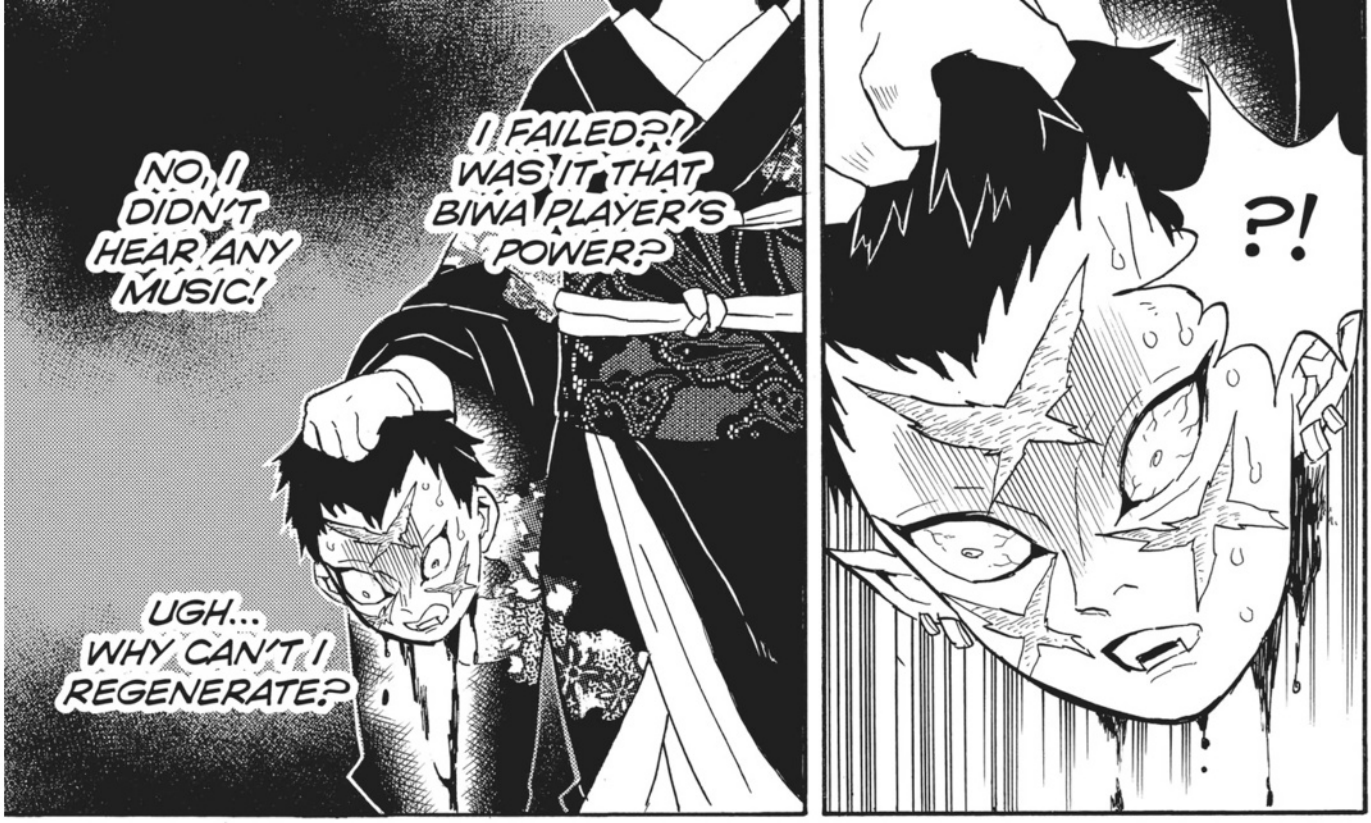
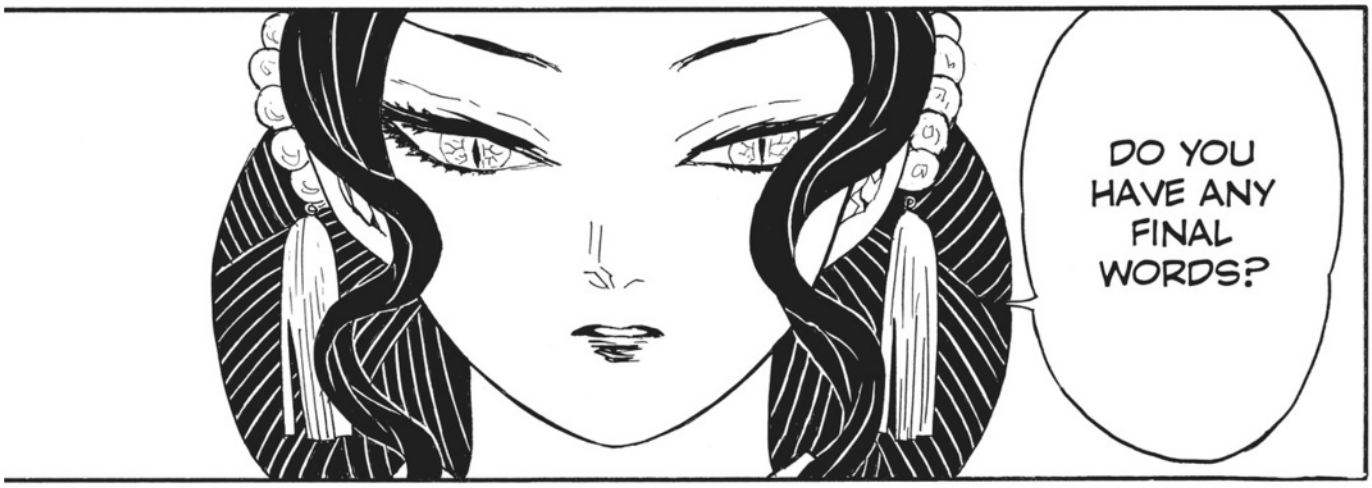
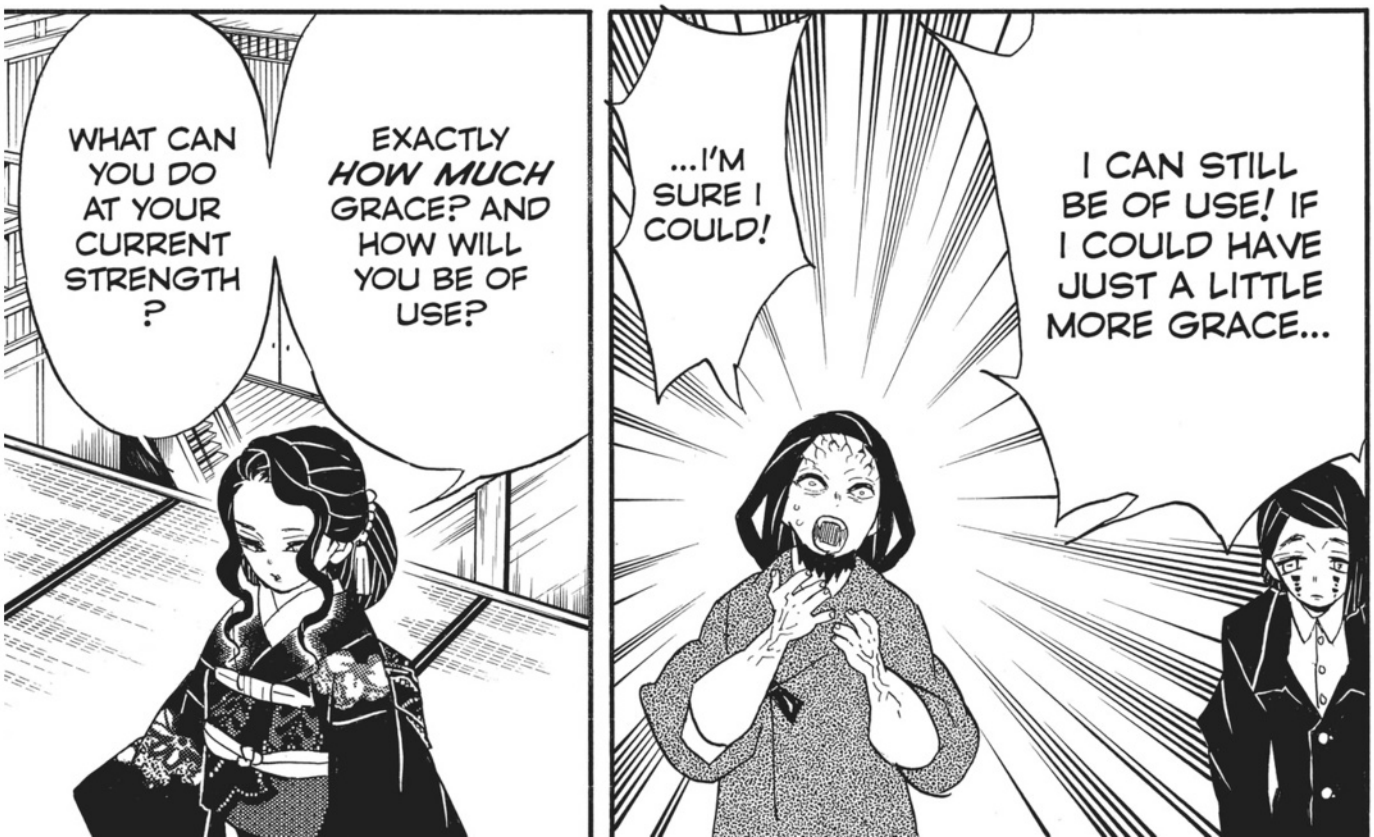
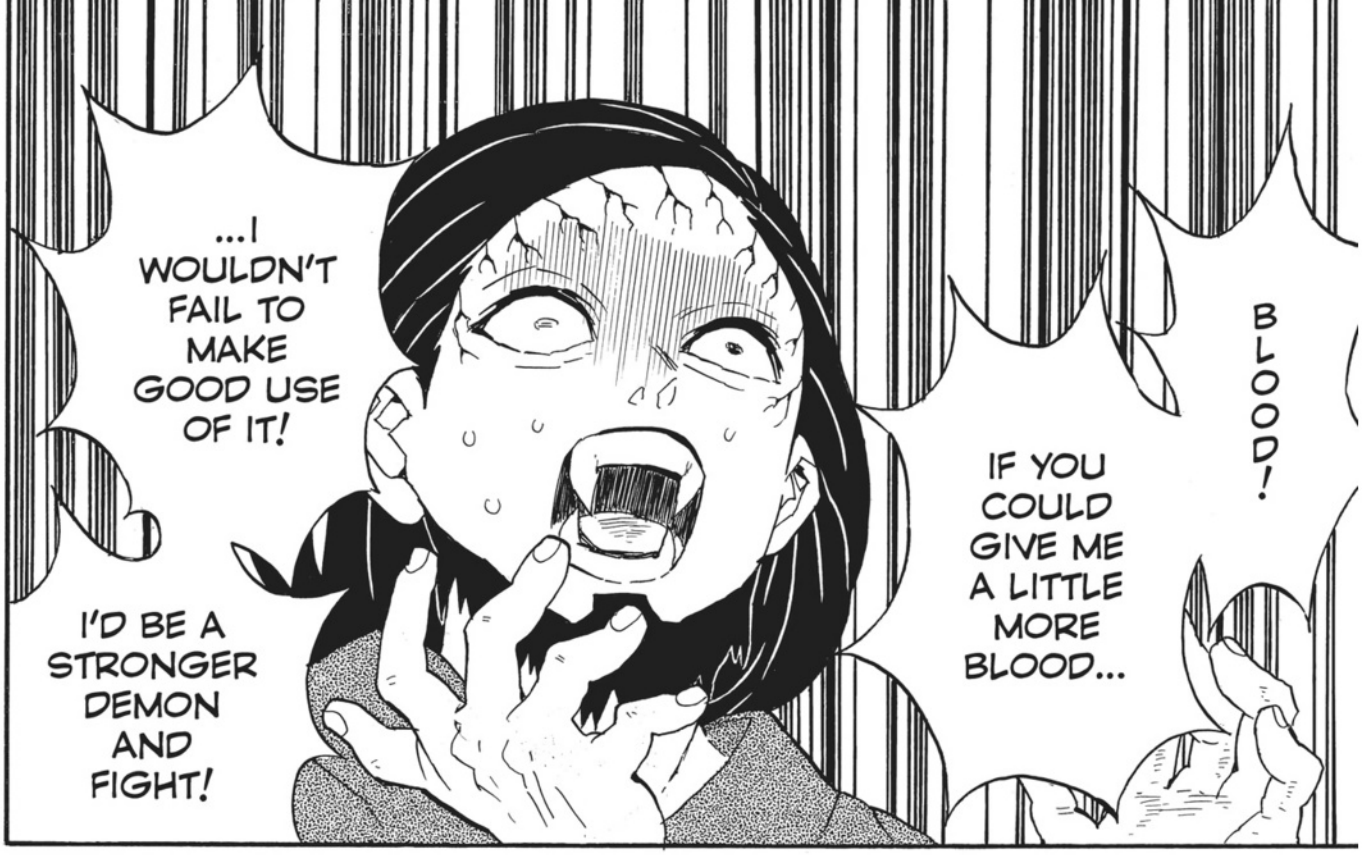
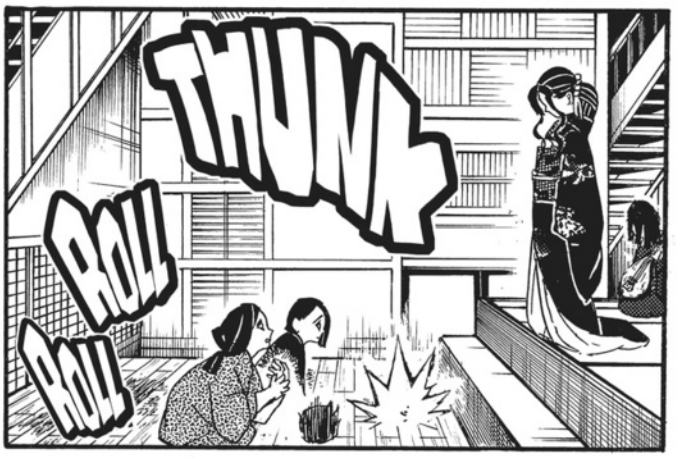

NO, I DIDN'T HEAR ANY MUSIC!
I FAILED?! WAS IT THAT BIWA PLAYER'S POWER?
UGH... WHY CAN'T I REGENERATE?
?!


DO YOU HAVE ANY FINAL WORDS?


WHAT CAN YOU DO AT YOUR CURRENT STRENGTH ?
EXACTLY *HOW MUCH* GRACE? AND HOW WILL YOU BE OF USE?
...I'M SURE I COULD!
I CAN STILL BE OF USE! IF I COULD HAVE JUST A LITTLE MORE GRACE...


BLOOD!
IF YOU COULD GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE BLOOD...
...I WOULDN'T FAIL TO MAKE GOOD USE OF IT!
I'D BE A STRONGER DEMON AND FIGHT!


THUNK
ROLL
ROLL

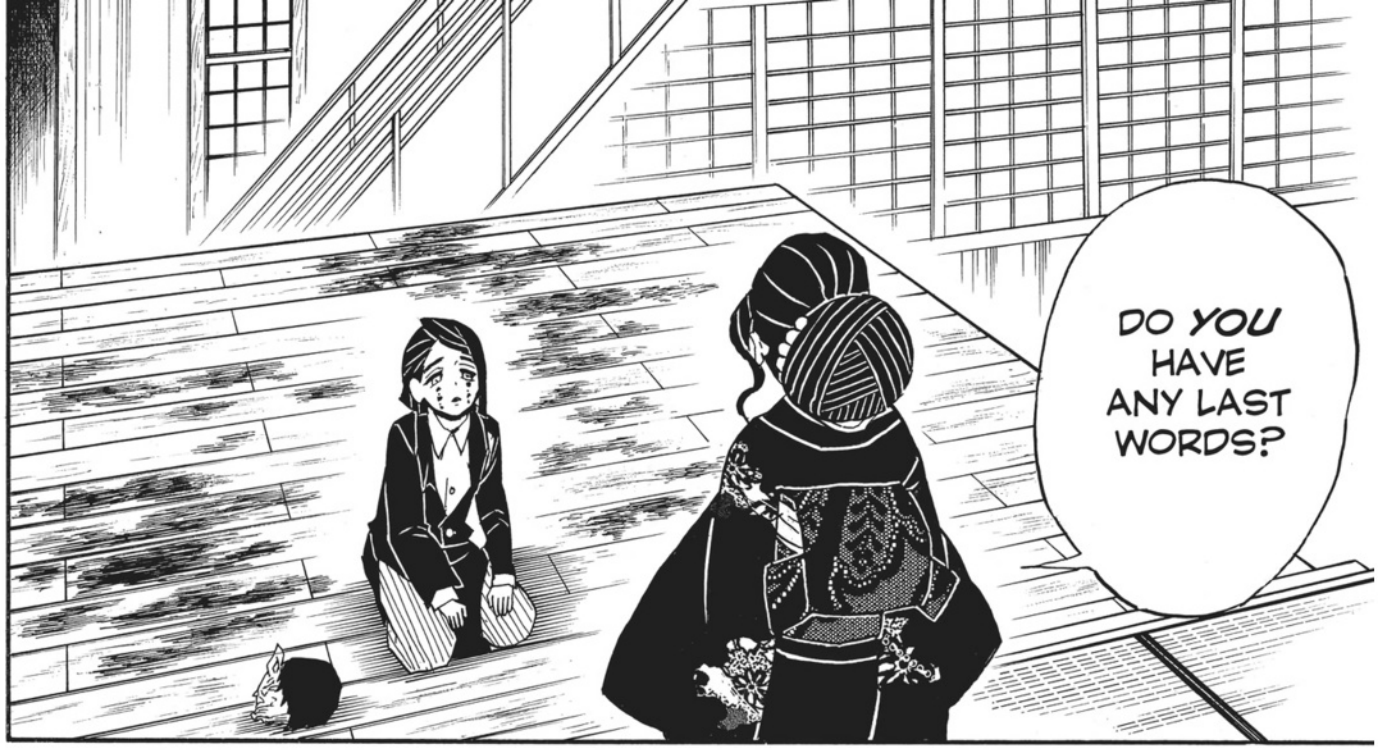
TOSS

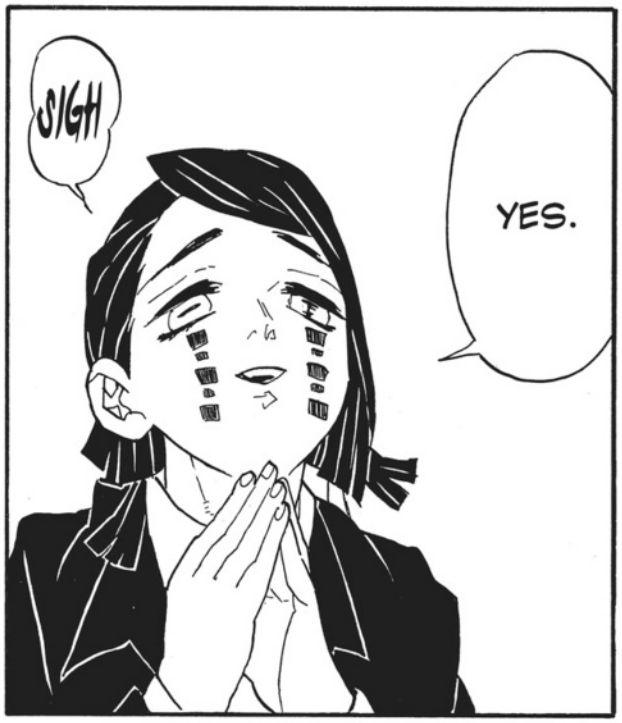
WHY SHOULD I REWARD YOUR FAILURE WITH MY PRECIOUS BLOOD?
HOW VERY IMPUDENT. KNOW YOUR PLACE.

SILENCE.
I AM NEVER WRONG. I CANNOT MAKE MISTAKES.
NO...
YOU'RE WRONG! I...
I...

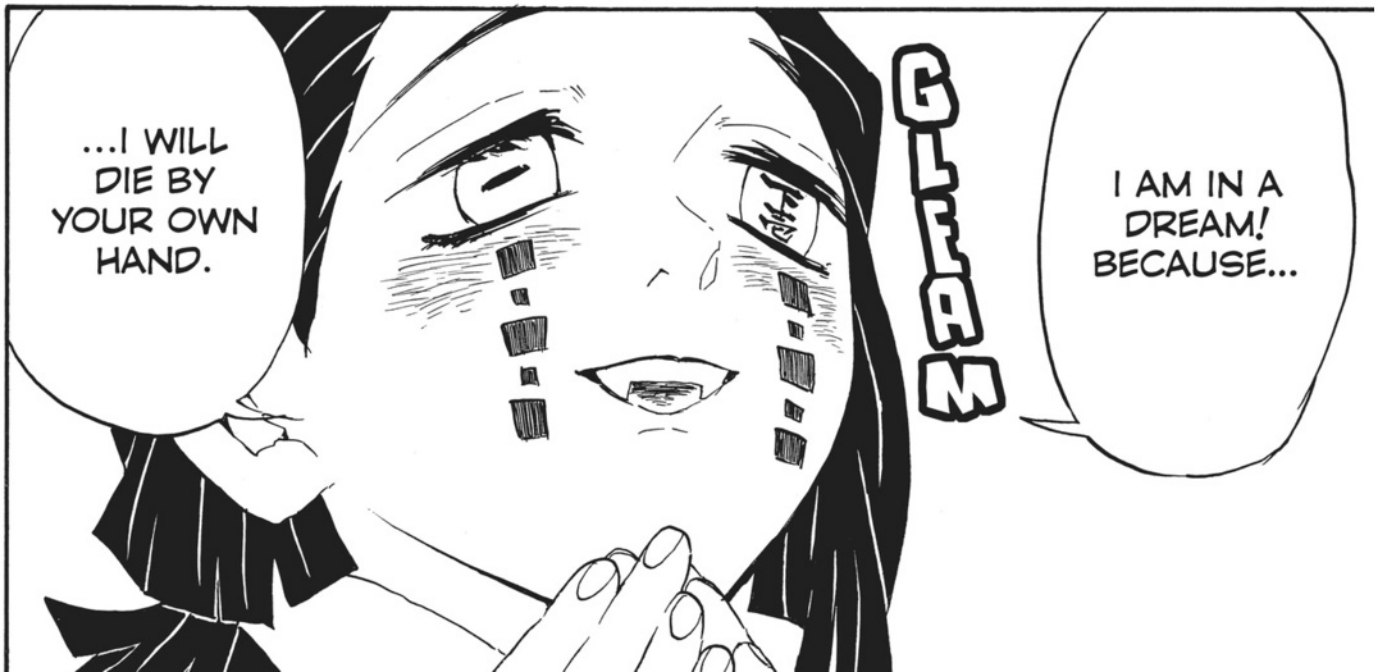
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO OBJECT.
WHAT I SAY IS RIGHT *IS* RIGHT.
ALL AUTHORITY IS MINE. AND WHAT I SAY IS ABSOLUTE.

... WARRANTS DEATH.
YOU CONTRADICTED ME, AND THAT...

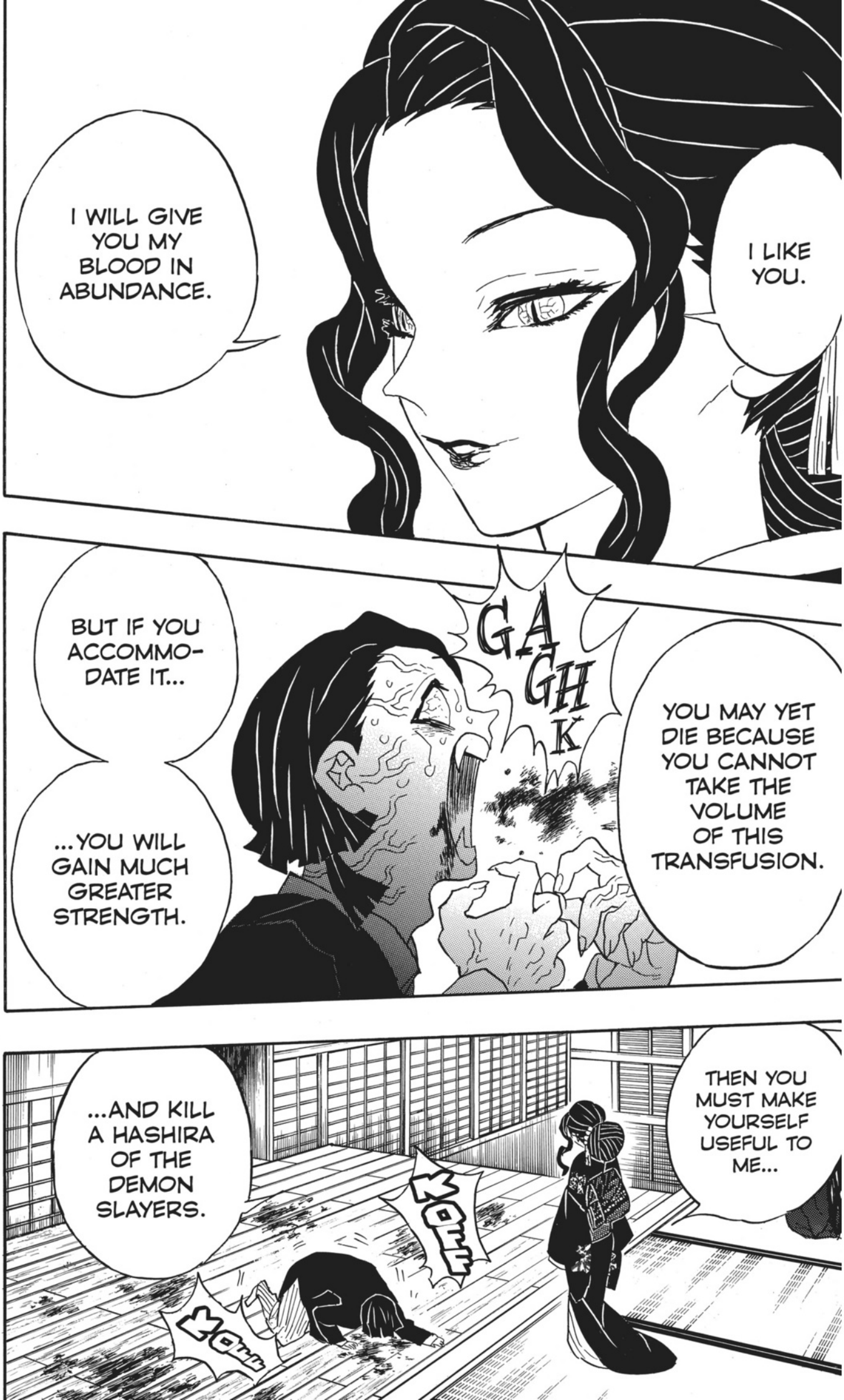

DO YOU HAVE ANY LAST WORDS?


SIGH
YES.

THIS ONE'S GONNA DIE TOO.
GULP
I'M DYING.
IT ALL GOES AS LORD KIBUTSUJI WISHES.


...I WILL DIE BY YOUR OWN HAND.
GLEAM
I AM IN A DREAM! BECAUSE...

I ADORED HEARING THE OTHER DEMONS' DEATH CRIES.
THEY THRILLED ME.
I REVEL IN THE MISERY AND SUFFERING OF OTHERS.
I RELIVE IT IN MY DREAMS EACH NIGHT.
THANK YOU FOR LEAVING ME FOR LAST.
...
OK
BDMP
BDMP
AAA
GAA
AAA
GHH
HH!

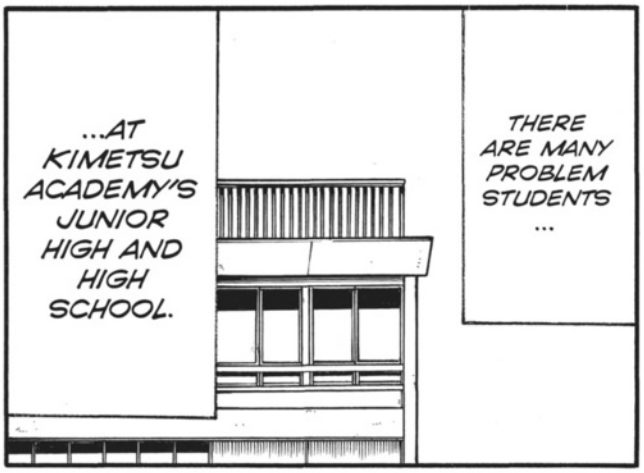

I WILL GIVE YOU MY BLOOD IN ABUNDANCE.
I LIKE YOU.
BUT IF YOU ACCOMMO-DATE IT...
...YOU WILL GAIN MUCH GREATER STRENGTH.
GA GH K
YOU MAY YET DIE BECAUSE YOU CANNOT TAKE THE VOLUME OF THIS TRANSFUSION.
...AND KILL A HASHIRA OF THE DEMON SLAYERS.
KOTT
KOTT
THEN YOU MUST MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL TO ME...

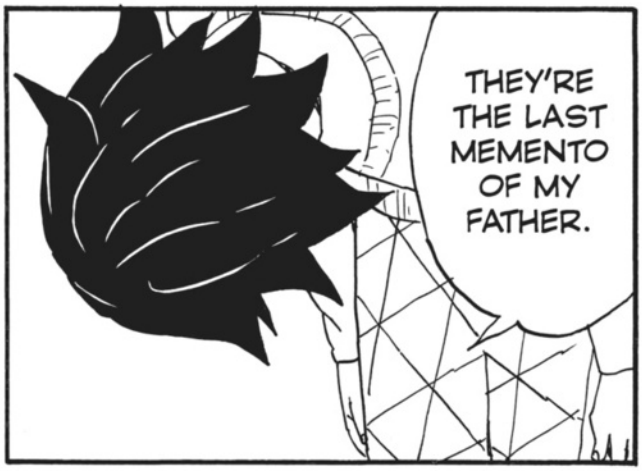
IF YOU ALSO KILL THE DEMON SLAYER WITH EARRINGS THAT LOOK LIKE HANAFUDA CARDS, I WILL GIVE YOU *MORE* BLOOD.
PINK
THRUST

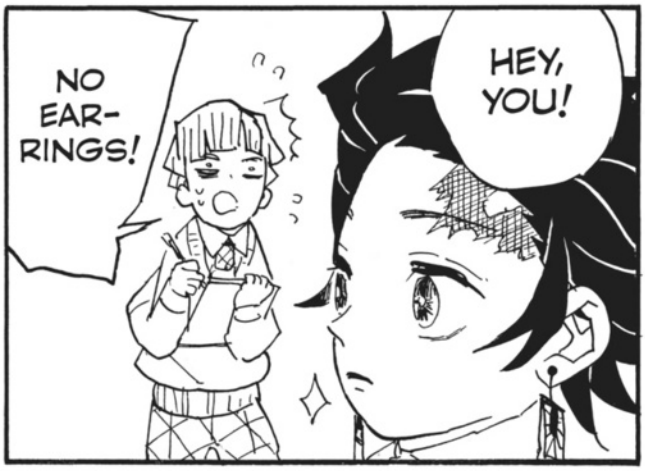
STRUGGLE
ARRGH!
TH
THUD
豆大福

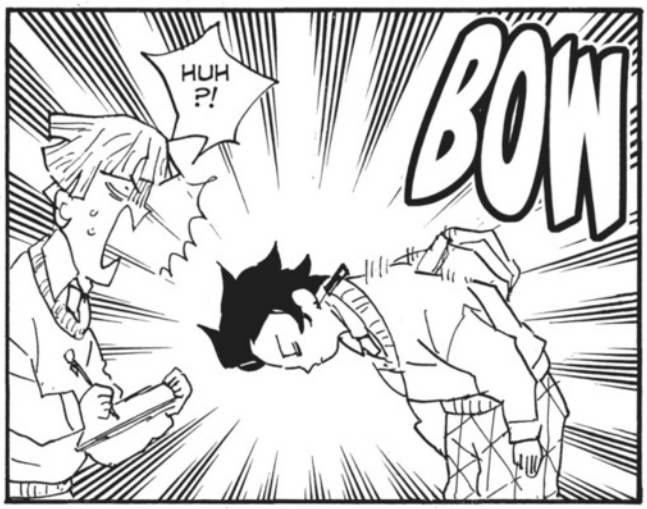
IT'S FLOWING INTO ME...
...WITH LORD MUZAN'S BLOOD.
WHAT'S THAT? I SEE SOMETHING!
FIN
UP
...A HASHIRA AND THIS BOY, I'LL GET MORE BLOOD...
WHAT ECSTACY!
TEE HEE!
HEE HEE HEE!
IF I KILL...

# THE MOST WELL-MANNERED BOY AT KIMETSU ACADEMY







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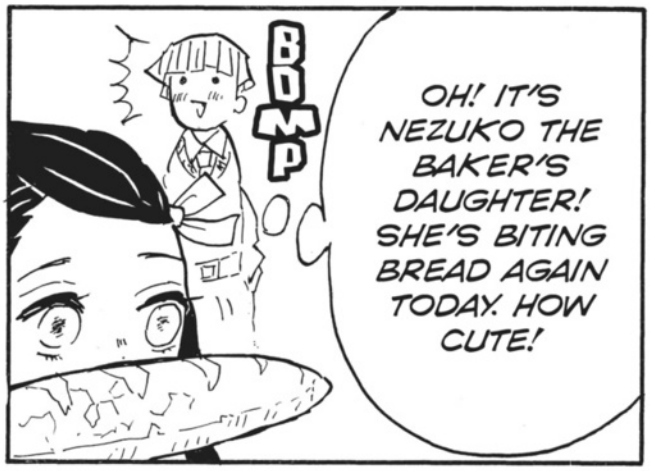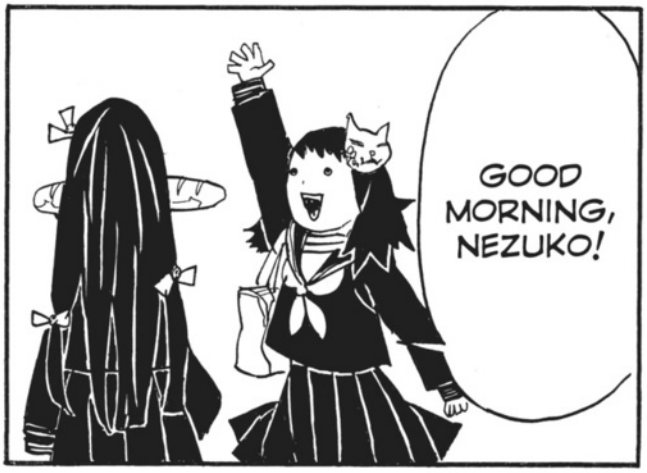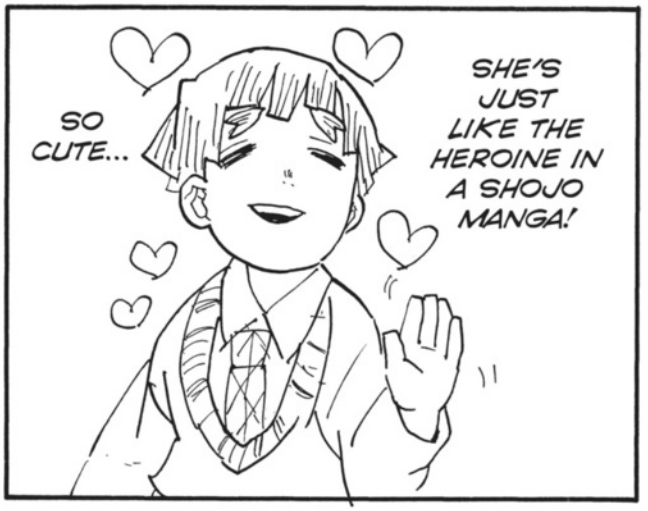
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